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Talks to end steel strike fail in confusion

Misunderstanding led to the failure yesterday of talks to bring about the end of the national steel strike, which is expected to go on for another three weeks. The unions had believed more money was on offer; the BSC negotiators said they were mistaken.

Unions believed extra cash was available

By Paul Routledge

Labour Editor
Peace talks designed to bring
an early end to the national
steel strike collapsed within steel strike collapsed within minutes yesterday amid bitter recriminations on both sides. The shut down of state and private sector steelmaking could last another three weeks.

Lay negotiators of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation (ISTC) and the National Union of Blastfurnacemen (NUB)

Blastfurnacemen (NUB) walked out of the first round of full-scale negotiations since the strike began on January 2 after learning the details of the Eritish Steel Corporation's revised offer.

The breakdown came only
20 minutes after Dr David
Grieves, BSC's managing director for personnel, told union tor for personnel, told union leaders they were missaken in thinking that 13 per cent increases were "on the table." The negotiations had been tarranged by Mr Wilkiam Sirs, general secretary of the ISTC, after secret talks in Luxem bourg five days ago. Both he and Mr Hector Smith, the blastfurnacemen's leader, formed the impression that the full package was on offer to all workers from January 1, but

BSC maintained last night that all along it had made clear its insistence that 4 per cent of the 13 per cent could be paid only after agreement on productivity deals at local level. This misunderstanding was

fatal to the most promising peace initiative since the strike began and union leaders are now privately saying that the shutdown could last until the

end of February.
Officials of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration. Service (Acas), whose patient efforts to bring the two sides together have failed, have been in touch with British Steel management and are seeking a meeting with the unions. But prospects of an early resumption of negotiations are

Mr Robert Scholey, BSC's executive, accused the general secretary of "kite flying" in his interpreta-tion of the Luxembourg peace formula and building up expectations among the men that could not be realized by the loss-making state corporation. The lay negoriators artended the ralks with badges demanding 20 per cent rises, though this is not official union

policy.
Mr Sirs said: "I do not tell lies. The corporation sold to us a proposal that there would be per cent on the table. Scholey was talking about 14 per cent, but that would be the limit."

If the package had been pre-sented originally in the way it was put yesterday, he added, the talks would never have been

The letter outlining the offer was sent to the steel unions three days ago. It proposes 2 per cent across the board, as offered two months ago; a further general increase of 7 per

cent to "line up with" an agreement on job flexibility, demanning and reformed pay bargaining structures; and a "4 per cent minimum guarantee against which locally determined productivity schemes mined productivity schemes would be paid ".

would be paid".

After informal exchanges in Luxembourg and later by telephone in London, union leaders interpreted this ambiguous wording to mean 9 per cent plus a 4 per cent "enabling agreemen" to get local productivity bargaining off the ground.

BSC management, Mr Sirs says, was given several oppor-tunities to disagree with this interpretation but did not. Executives involved in the talks insist that they did, and Mr Scholey said last night that the public "have to choose" which version of events to believe. Government ministers reacted to the fresh collapse of negotia

tions with dismay. Militant strikers in south Yorkshire may once again threaten the future of millions of pounds worth of plant by withdrawing safety cover, and 14,000 lorry drivers in the North-east have been told by their union not be their union not to cross any ISTC picket lines.

Mr Sirs promised last night:
"We will prosecute this strike with the greatest degree of in-tensity within the laws of the country." He gave a warning that if a settlement was not found soon, the pay dispute would be drawn into the campaign egainst BSC's plant closure programme.

By George Clark Political Correspondent

left-wing weighting of the mem

bership, it must be reckoned something of a success.

On paper, the balance wath-in the commission is eight to

five in favour of the left wing,

giving a membership that seemed likely to endorse

demands for a change in the methods of electing the party leader and drafting the party manifesto, and for the auto-matic "reselection" of Labour

But obere is a chance for a "consensus" view to emerge because yesterday the commis-sion (with two absentees) agreed to Mr Callaghan's pro-

position that there should be

not one chairman, but three "cochairmen", and that repre-

sentatives of all sections of the party will be coopted on the

three subcommittees or "panels" which are to review particular espects of party

It was Mr Callaghan who pro

MPs and candidates.

that happens, it will envelop the nation in a much more disastrous situation than

Negotiations with leaders of 11 unions representing some 70,000 craft and general workers in British Steel are to resume tomorrow but the two main join them in accepting a corporation document committing both sides to changes in collective bargaining machinery, a timetable for reducing manning negotiations, modification of the industry's guaranteed working week, job flexibility, a common wage structure and

other concessions. The ISTC general secretary has drawn up an alternative agreement, which concedes the corporation's targets in more general terms. It talks of achieving international man-

ing standards at ongoing plants to achive the highest level of productivity, pay and conditions in line with overseas competi-That is the part of the package for which BSC has so far offered a 7 per cent general

increase. However, this document has not even been seen by BSC management because of the sudden collapse of negotiations yesterday. It is unlikely to be accepted in its present form because it is too loosely-worded.

Other steel news and photograph, page 2



Lord Soames at Government House, Salisbury, Rhodesia, where a gloomy view of political coercion was presented to him yesterday by his election supervisors. Report, page 4.

Callaghan **Abortion compromise** triumph of 24 weeks likely over leftists

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

After the first meeting yes Members of Parliament on terday of the commission of inquiry to formulate changes in both sides of the abortion argument yesterday appeared to be the organization of the Labour Party, it was clear that Mr James Callaghan, the Opposi-tion leader, will insist on an investigation into the infiltra-tion of local parties by left wing moving towards a compromise where a pregnancy could be ended if it had lasted for no more than 24 weeks. That compares with the 28 weeks in Mr David Steel's 1967 Act. and the 20 weeks proposed in Mr. John Corrie's Abortion (Amend-The three-hour meeting of the inquiry commission, in the ment) Bill, which was before Opposition leader's room at the the House of Commons yesterment) Bill, which was before

House of Commons, was not day. without its moments of acrimony, but, for Mr Callaghan and the moderate Labour MPs who had complained about the laft-right weight medical opinion appeared to be saying that before that date the foetus would not be capable of sustaining an independent existence. Progress made yesterday clearly indi-cates that the present Bill, whether amended or not, has little chance of being enacted unless the Government, as seems unlikely, comes to its

rescue. In the closing moments of the sitting, after almost five bours of peaceful and well-argued debate, there was a sudden rush of blood to the heads of some of the more extreme opponents of the more extreme opponents of the Bill in the public gallery. As attendants leapt into action to quell the uproar, one group of protesters hung a lengthy banner over the edge of the gallery and there were shouts of "Women will not obey your Bill", and "Women's choice".

Most of the 25 or so women Most of the 25 or so women involved were marched out of the gallery more or less peacefully, but a youth appeared to posed that there should be a triumvirate chairmanship consisting of Mr David Basnett, general secretary of the General Continued on page 2, coi 1 be puzzing up an unneces

show of strength as he struggled

and kicked against efforts to

remove him. Within two

minutes peace was restored.

Earlier, however, the tone of the debate, with agreement from both front bench spokesmen on the desirability of reducing the gests that legislation, either by government or private members initiation, will be brought for-ward before long, although possibly not in the present session of Parliament. The realities of the situation are that only six more Fridays remain for pri-vate members legislation.

In five hours yesterday the Commons completed only two of 20 groups of amendments and no votes were taken on either the Bill's proposals or the amendments. Under Commons procedure, if another Bill should emerge from its committee stage, it would take precedence

over the abortion legislation. The Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill is nearing that stage, so that more than another Friday of debate on abortion at the most seems unlikely. However, even if the Abortion Bill came before the House for the remaining six available Fridays, that would almost certainly not leave enough time in the present session for its passage

through the House of Lords. Leaving aside the diehards on either side of the argument, the House appeared yesterday to be as much against abortion on demand as against the lower limit for an abortion of 20 weeks. There was general agreement that the time limit should he reduced from the 28 weeks in the 1967 Act. Photograph and demonstration.

page 2 Parliamentary debate, page 3

BL workers seem unwilling

to back Robinson strike

leader says the Russians will stay

From Kuldin Nayar Kabul, Feb 8

President Babrak Karmal, of Afghanistan has said that it is neither possible nor necessary to set any time limit for the withdrawal of Soviet forces from his country. They are here to consolidate

"They are here to consolidate the gains of our revolution, protect our land and secure peace in the region", he said. "As long as there are dangers from outside, the Russians will stay."

Mr Karmal is not opposed to any regional initiative but does not want General Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan to play any role in it. Pakistan to play any role in it since, according to the Afghan President, he is "a lackey of America and of Zionist forces." In an exclusive interview, Mr Karmal told me that the Russians would leave only when proper conditions were created, and when "all signs of aggression against us are eliminated." He was quite firm on the need for a Soviet presence in the country and gave me the impres-sion that the withdrawal of Russian forces came nowhere in his priorities.

The two-hour interview took place in the same palace where I had interviewed the late President Mohamed Dabud six years ago. The palace is heavily guarded by Russian soldiers and it has been named People's House.

When pressed to spell out conditions for the Russian withdrawal, he said: "The day re-actionary Pakistan, Chauvinist China, imperialist America and Britain and Zionist Egypt are dismember Afghanistan, the Russians will go back ".

Mr Karmal is austere in his dress and forthright in his exand while I was with him smoked only expensive Ameri-

can cigarettes.

Whenever he referred to
Russian troops, he would say:

"A limited contingent has
come". Asked if this was a correct description for a large Societ force, Mr Karmal said:

This is propaganda by the BBC, the Voice of America and the Western media. I tell you with full responsibility that the with full responsibility that the contingent is very small ". (The Russian troops in Afghanistan are put at between 90,000 and 95,000.)

Explaining how the Russian intervention took place, Mr Karmal said that the first approach was made by the late Hafizullah Amin about December 15. Open and underground approach to the procession of the processi progressive elements of forced him to do so, "He went along because he did not want his mask of a CIA agent to fall. Later when we took over, we endorsed his request. It is the same way as you (India) went to Bangladesh at the request of the people to stop Pakistan's atrocities."

Mr Karmai alleged that there had been a joint plot by the Americans, the Chinese and the Pakistanis to attack Afghanistan on January 6. "But the Russian forces which arrived on Decem-ber 27 foiled the plot. Ten days later it would have been too late." He dwelt at length on his

theory of conspiracy and mentheory of conspiracy and mentioned Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel as "partners of America, China and Pakistan."

In fact, the plan of the Western imperialists and Zionist forces included Pakistan's scheme to the revenue

tan's scheme to take revenge on India for the liberation of Bangladesh. Islamabad wanted to grab Kashmir, Mr Karmal

sard.

"Pakistan is a springboard of imperialists." he added. "The Americans and the Chinese are pouring in their arms. Ships after ships are coming to Karachi to unload weapons and the Chinese are coming to the coming t the Karakoram road is being used by the Chinese to send armaments to Islamabad.
"These weapons are being distributed among the bandits who are being trained by the Continued on page 4, col 3

By David Felton and

Donald Macimyre

Afghanistan | French rejection ends US hope for summit on Soviet intervention

From Patricia Clough Bonn, Feb 8

An American proposal that the foreign ministers of the four main West European countries and the United States meet in Boun to discuss a joint Western response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan has failed because of objections by the Erosch the French.

The United States had sug-

The United States had suggested that the foreign ministers of Britain, France, Italy and West Germany meet Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State on February 20, the deadline set by President Carter for the widdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan on pain of an American boycott of the Moscow Olympic Games. of the Moscow Olympic Games.
They would have been expected to discuss European support for the boycott and other joint measures by the West against the Soviet Union.

A complicit expression by Dr.

A cryptic statement by Dr Jürgen Sudhoff, the West German Foreign Ministry spokes-man, that there were "no indications" that such a meet-ing would take place came after a day of uncertainty with leaks from Washington, denials, and

fresh leaks from Bonn.
Herr Klaus Bölling, the Bonn
Government spokesman, said his
Government hoped that intensive consultations between the the Western allies would conit did not wish to persuade any-one that this should take the "dramaturgical form" of a meeting.

Anxious not to take steps which could affect relations with East Germany, the Bonn Government sees its main contribution as providing generous aid to Turkey, Pakistan and other countries on the fringe of the crisis area. Dr Sudboff has pointed out

that the European ministers will see each other at the EEC foreign ministers' meeting in Rome on February 19. The visit of Mr Vance to Bonn for talks on February 20 and 21 re-

mained unchanged. Herr Helmut Kohl, the Opposition leader, said today that a summit of Western heads of government was "long overgovernment was "long over-due" and would be "an outstanding demonstration Western solidarity." had su French fear block: France has Reuter.

refused to take part in the proposed meeting because Presi-dent Giscard d'Estaing wants to avoid at all costs being part of an American-oriented pres-ure block (Ian Murray write from Paris).

The French Foreign Ministry The French Foreign Ministry said this evening that France had never been formally invited to the meeting on February 20.

"There has never been any question of a meeting of this type, and if there was a question of there being one the French Minister of Foreign Affairs would not participate in it." a spokesman said.

it", a spokesman said. While deprecating the Soviet presence in Afghanistan the French President feels that the interests of peace are ill-served by Western Europe sceming to lose its identity by becoming a sounding board for American continued.

France has already told the Russians that the invasion of Afghanistan is "unacceptable". A timerable for withdrawal and an explanation of how that timetable could be carried out were the only criteria by which Soviet good intentions should be judged, M Jean François-Poncer, the Foreign Minister, has said.

The French coolness towards the meeting proposed by Mr Vance should not therefore, be viewed as an indication that France condones what has happened in Afghanistan. It is merely a further manifestation of France's traditional need to heard as an independent

Japan excluded: Mr Sabuto Okita, the Japanese Foreign Minister, told a House of Representatives budget committee in Tokyo that since "no formal invitation to such a conference had been extended to us, there is no reason that Japan should invite itself to attend" (Our Toklo Correspon-

dent writes).
Mr Okita indicated that a separate American-Japanese talk on sanctions against the Soviet Union was a possibility. American regret: Officials in Washington were disappointed

by France's decision not to attend the proposed meeting. They said that West Germany suggested the meering.-

Denning visit to Oxford is cancelled after protest plan

From Our Correspondent

Oxford Blackwells, the Oxford bookshop, has cancelled a signing session today by Lord Denning, the Master of the Rolls.

shop in protest at Lord Den-But yesterday when the shop found Oxford "plastered with posters", it decided to cancel

the visit. Butterworths, the London publishers of Lord Denning's book, The Due Process of Law, said: "We are disappointed.

Lord Denning has not chickened

Blackwells said: "The object of a signing session is to create a congenial and relaxed atmosphere where an author can meet his public and sell his book by his presence.

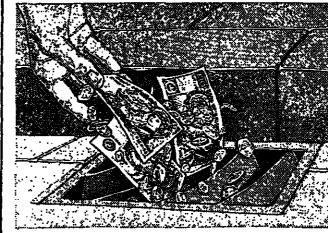
"The essential condition for successful and happy signing nave evaporated, and we decided in the best interests of staff and customers to cancel

A group known as the Oxford
Student Trades Union Liaison
Committee had called for a minee, which is composed of Mr Martin Hill, aged 27, a tatives and student union branches, said the protest had been called because Lord Denning had shown himself a dedicated enemy of the working class and the trade union

He added: "We did not intend to prevent him from coming. We wanted to put our political views to him," Blackwells had been forced to climb down in the face of a "peaceful

demonstration".

A group of steel workers from Rotherham had planned to travel to Oxford to put their case to Lord Denning.



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CBI chief urges cool line on union legislation

A calm approach to new industrial relations legislation was urged by Sir John Methven, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry. Employers should also look to their own actions and communicate with their employees "as they have never done before". He gave a warning that hasty legislation without proper consultation could be disastrous. But the CBI leader faces growing pressure from within the confederation for tougher from within the confederation for tougher representations on the Government's Employment Bill Page 17

GEC tops Racal bid

The bartle to take over Decca seems to be reaching its fitted stages. General Electric rounded off a hectic week of bid and counter-bid with an offer which could be worth more than £100m. Racal Electronics, its opponent. will decide by Monday whether to containe the fight.

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Hebron under curfew The West Bank town of Hebron was eerily silent under curiew. eight days after the murder of o young Jewish sentier, as Israeli murder of o Army squads continued raids on Arab houses. Foreign correspondents were

houses. Foreign correspondents were allowed into the prohibited area in the Page 4 town centre Labour anger on Chile Mr Peter Shore, Labour's spokesman on foreign affairs, joined the protest over the Government's decision to restore full chilomatic relations with Chile. Page 5

Ulster Catholics in new political drive

Roman Catholic politicians in Northern Ireland are to take the initiative over their call for an "Irish dimension" in the Government's political formula for Ulster. The non-sectarian Alliance Party is to join the "parallel conference" at Stormout which is discussing subjects relevant to that ideal Page 2

Royal corrections

A second edition of Queen Victoria's Children, a book by Daphne Bennert, will Children, a book by Dapune Bennet, was contain corrections after an approach to the publishers by the Assistant Keeper of the Queen's Archives at Windsor. Mrs Bennett admits failing to show her manuscript to the archive office, having undertaken to do so Page 3

Envoy describes ordeal The Spanish Ambassador to Guatemala has decrabed his ordeal when the embassy was seized. When police broke in to his was seized. When posite broke in to his office, extremists threw three petrol bombs, the last of which ignited. He escaped by rolling down the stairs with his clothes on fire. Shous were fired after him. Page 4

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Farming statistics 'sorry reading'

Farmers complain that the latest official statistics for the industry make "sorry reading", with net output and farmers incomes down and bank borrowing up. Their union calls for promt government action. The Minister of Agriculture, however, says that the industry is in a position to compete fairly in the European market

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Feelings at BL's Longbridge plant in Birmingham last night appeared to be running arrougly against the engineering workers' strike in support this demand.
of Mr Derek Robinson, the dismissed communist union convener, due to start next week. Workers leaving the Austin Morris plant claimed that 80 per cent of the work force were Leader page, 13 Letters: On trade unions and the law, from opposed to the strike. There were reports that Mr. Robinson's toolroom colleagues had called on the Amalgamated

Union of Engineering Workers to hold a ballot on the strike. The union's Birmingham West District Committee, which met last night, is to convene a meeting of more than 200 shop stewards at Longbridge on Monday.

Mr Bert Benson, the district secretary, said he was expecting shop stewards meanwhile to snop stewards meanwhite to have taken soundings through sectional meetings of the feel-ings of the membership. He would take action on any com-

action at the end of last year area.

to await the findings of the AUEW inquiry into Mr Robin-son's dismissal, which deman-ded that BL management reinstate bim. On Wednesday, the management firmly rejected

Mr Brian Mathers, Midlands regional secretary of the TGWU, said last night: "We do expect our members to join those in the AUEW who will be on strike".

He said the union would also expect BL's car delivery drivers to join the strike, which would mean that even if the company was able to continue produc-tion, no cars could leave As workers left Longbridge last night, the majority were opposed to the strike and said that their views reflected the feeling in the plant.

BL is to refuse an official union request to restore recognition of Mr Alan Thornett, known as "the mole", as a senior shop steward at its Cowley assembly plant.

Mr Thornett, an extreme left winger, came third out of 25 in would take action on any complaints that stewards had not held meetings in their sections.

He said: "After Monday's in the past have brought him meeting I am confident that we shall be in a situation to reiterate that there will be support for the strike."

He the strike by 8,000 engineering workers goes ahead, members of the Transport and General Workers' Union at Longbridge will be expected to agreed to accept Mr Thornett as a shop steward in his own sive their support and not cross

give their support and not cross section but refused recognition of him as a senior steward with picket lines. of him as a senior steward with The TGWU suspended strike responsibilities covering a wide:

BSC plans for £1,000m rundown to keep within Government's £450m cash limit for next financial year

Industrial Editor

Plans are being prepared by the British Steel Corporation for a rundown of stocks worth £1,000m, disposal of assets and a paring of investment planned for next year.

The measures have been prompted by the need to remain within the Government's set cash limit of £450m for the corporation's next financial year and in the face of the Government's refusal to fund any operating losses in the 1980-81 financial year.

Sir Charles Villiers, BSC chairman, said yesterday: " are on a survival course".

Faced with a further protraction of the strike, after the collapse of yesterday's talks with the steel unions, BSC's losses, which are running at £17m a week, will mount fur-ther. > Production ceased on

The Government insists that BSC should be held to its breakeven target in the next finan-cial year which starts in six weeks; but it is clear that the longer the strike continues the more unrealistic the target be-comes, particularly since the costs of starting up production and regaining its lost share of the market will be considerable.

Mr Derek Norton, chairman

of Hadfields, one of Sheffield's

biggest private sector steel-makers, has come up with a

proposal designed to earn his company dispensation from the

He travelled to London to offer Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel

Trades Confederation, a deal in

which Hadfields would give

profits from steel production to

an appropriate strike hardship fund in return for permission to

At the time of closure Had-

fields was making about £5 profit per ton of steel produced

and in the last full week some 500,000 tons of steel was made.

Production at that level would indicate £25,000 a week for the

Before departing for London Mr Norton said: "It is not

resume production

extremely difficult and may turn out to be impossible. I do company faced with this situation has to reduce working capital, its stocks and make disposais, and we shall have to start winding down the stocks." BSC has stocks estimated at

£1,000m, embracing coking coal, scrap metal, finished and se finished steel, which will be the main targets. It is also planning a further major programme of cost-cutting measures which could produce savings up to

Discussions are taking place on the disposal of some of the corporation's non-steelmaking interests. The most advanced negotiations revolve round its constructional engineering and fabrication subsidiary of Redpath, Dorman Long, where discussions with a Dutch group are expected to end in an agreement to sell in the next few

BSC is also involved in talks with a number of potential purchasers for some of the operations of its BSC (Chemicals) subsidiary. The list will be ex-tended to other subsidiaries and BSC's extensive property assets.
Funds derived from disposals
will be used to cover the expected operating losses in the next

It is Villiers's fault as well. We

want to get this dispute over.

company should be dragged

into a dispute in which it has no part. We worked two-and-a-half years to get this company

right and we fail to see why outside factors should destroy

all the hard work we have

A second undertaking was

contained in a letter Mr Norton sent yesterday to all ISTC mem-

bers employed by Hadfields assuring them that if they returned to work the company would not dispatch steel to

customers. It was signed " Yours

sincerely, Derek Norton" and, in brackets, "Desperate Dan",

during the past week.

Earlier this week Mr Norton,

one of the Sheffield steel indus-

try's most colourful figures, led directors, staff and workers from Hadfields to picket British

nickname he has acquired

"We are incensed that our

cussed with ministers last sumnot see us getting any more mer, £382m was allocated for money beyond the £450m. Any capital expenditure. £90m for working capital and a further £175m for the cost of redundancies. That allowed for the corporation's own estimates of internally-generated funds of £197m, including regional development grants and £150m of

depreciation.

But at that time the market collapse which has forced the massive reduction in jobs and plant closures had not happened. The Government has agreed trat to cover the cost of the redundancies and closures, any reduction in capital spending can be diverted to meet additional redundancy payments.
It has said that it will consider allowing some of the proceeds arising from disposals to be used for the same

The collapse of vesterday's exploratory pay talks last night prompted Sir Richard Marsh, chairman of the British Iron and Steel Consumers' Council, to write to BSC, the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation and the National Union of Blast-furnacemen asking them to in the dispute or, failing that to agree to the setting up of a court of inquiry once the disyear. Investment will also be pute had been resolved

a protest at the Government's refusal to intervene in the steel

dispute.
Mr Norton has earned an

accolade from the ISTC strike committee in South Yorkshire

in Britain", but last night the

strike committee was making

no observations on his latest

The general view was that it

Mr Norton has made no

secret of the fact that Had-

fields is experiencing financial

was a matter best left to Mr Sirs and the National Executive

Council to decide.

"the best managing director

Hadfields proposes strike fund deal Villiers, chairman of the BSC, Mr Norton emerged in sym-pathy with the ISTC negoti-

raised Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secretators.

The day before that, Mr
Norton announced a board decision to withold payment from

Cabinet on its outcome
Mr Seamus Mallon, the
SDLP's deputy leader, is to take charge of relations with West

Mr Austin Currie, the former chief whip whose political career in the SDLP suffered a serious setback last year, is returning to the front beach to

sees the problem in three dimensions: the Northern Ireland dimension, the Irish dimension and the British dimension. We want a lasting solution and therefore it is vitally important that these two Steel Corporation and ISTC problems and could be forced additional dimensions headquarters in London. After to close by a prolonged strike brought in."

Catholics to take Irish **Dimension** initiative

From Christopher Thomas Belfast

Roman Catholic politicians in Northern Ireland are to take the initiative in Dublin and Westminster over their ideal for "Irish dimension" to be included in the Government's proposed political formula in

The move emerged yesterday as the non-sectarian Alliance Party declared that it would be joining the "parallel confer-ence" at Stormout which is discussing subjects relevant to the Irish dimension: the economy, cross-border security and the EEC.

The Unionists are boycotting the secondary conference but in the eyes of the Social Demo-cratic and Labour Party it is at least as important as the primary conference being held on the province's political

So Ulster has two conferences : one on the prospects for power devolution, which is being held at Parliament Buildings, Stormont, involving the Democratic Unionist, Alliance Party and the SDLP; the other at Spormont Castle, a few hundred yards away, discussing matters of cross-border interest, and attended by only the SDLP and Alliance Party.

The main conference meets again on February 18 and the again on repruary 18 and the second conference is due to meet soon afterwards. The Roman Catholic political leaders consider the "parallel conference" to be equally important because there is no restriction on the subjects that can be raised.

ary of State for Northern Ire-land, has given credibility to the "secondary conference" by promising to report to the

NHS contributions and VAT until the end of the strike, as

take charge of coordination of relations with parties in the

republic.
Mr Currie said: "The SDLP



Women protesting against the Abortion (Amendment). Bill blocking the road outside the House of Commons yesterday.

Women clash with police at Commons

By Annabel Ferriman Hundreds of women clashed with police outside the House of Commons yesterday evening in a demonstration against the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, sponsored by Mr John Corrie, Conservative MP for Ayrshires North and Bute.

Earlier in the afternoon 20 women had been removed from Strangers' Gallery inside the Commons during the report stage of the Bill, after they had started chanting and un-furled a banner reading: "Women will not obey your Bill." A House of Commons doorkeeper was bitten on the

one of the protesters.

A rally of 4,000, organized by the National Abortion Campaign, was held throughout the afternoon nearby in Central Hall. Westminster, to hear about

Miss Jo Richardson, Labour MP for Barking, arrived from the House of Commons at 3 pm. after the House had risen,

pm. after the House had risen, and told the rally that it looked as though the opponents of the Bill had a good chance of postponing any changes to the abortion law.

She and other MPs opposed to the Bill had been delighted when they heard that 28 groups of amendments had been accepted for debate by the Speaker, even though there were only three Fridays available for debate. "I could keep able for debate. "I could keep going every Friday until July with that number", she said. There had been no filibus- adjourned and the buses had

wrist while trying to remove tering in the debate, however. and the longest speech had been made by Sir Bernard Braine, Conservative MP for Essex, South East, one of the Bill's

supporters, she said.
The meeting was then told that six of the women who had demonstrated inside the House of Commons were being held at the Speaker's pleasure, so a group set off to protest out-side the Commons about their treatment

Our Political Correspondent writes: The police had been warned that an attempt would be made by demonstrators against the Bill to "rush" the entrance to the House of Commons and make a demonstra-tion in the Chamber. Extra police were on duty during the debate and four busloads waited in reserve in New

Palace Yard. In fact, the House had St Stephen's entrance, but their way was blocked by police when they came to Westminster

Thwarted in their efforts, about 60 young women sat down on the steps leading to St Stephen's Hall and refused to leave. They had to be carried out and dumped on the pavement, to the accompanime screams and insults flung at the

When it was learnt by a section of the crowd that a number of women had been re-moved in a police van, a group of teenagers with cropped hair and wearing jeaus, called on their friends to lie down in the

road. They were soon removed. Several MPs tried to reason with the women, explaining that most members had already

just the fault of the pickets **Drivers told** not to cross picket lines

From Ronald Kershaw Sheffield

Thousands of lorry drivers in the North-east of England were last night instructed by their union not to cross steel workers' picket lines. Mr Joe Mills, regional secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, issuing the insuruc-tion, said he hoped it would help to bring the steel strike to a quick conclusion.

Mr Mills said that for the past two or three weeks lorry drivers had faced much hostility from pickets and had received no firm direction as to how they should act.

He said: "They have had enough in the northern region. We think the steel strike is a worthwile cause, and they have been told to stay away from steel plants until the strike is

In South Yorkshire, reports that engineering firms in the Sheffield area were in danger of ending production were questioned by the Engineering Employers' Sheffield Association. Mr Nicholas Kemp, director of the association, said the vast majority of engineering firms were coping with the

A Leeds and district chamber of commerce and industry report on a questionnaire sent engineering firms showed that 13 firms were likely to run out of steel supplies in two weeks, 26 firms in four weeks, six firms in six weeks, 12 firms in eight weeks, and 14 firms in more than eight weeks.

The chamber said that 'employment and production would be affected within two weeks and a number of companies would be affected by the end of the month. Some small engineering firms had spoken of the possibility of bankruptcy and there was general concern about

and Municipal Workers' Union

and former chairman of the

Trades Union Congress, Mr Michael Foot, deputy leader of the Labour Party, and Mr Eric

Heffer, a member of the national executive committee

and chairman of its organiza-

They will act as a coordinat-

ing group on the main subjects

of the inquiry, and will arrange the debate on the constitutional

changes which will be handled by the full commission, meeting

fortnightly.

There was a clash between Mr

Callaghan and Mr Foot early in

the discussion about the emphasis to be placed on chang-

ing the composition of the national executive itself, where

the moderates of the party want a stronger representation for

"grassroots" in the consti-

tion committee.

tuency section.



Photograph by David Jones

Strikers buying vegetables in bulk at cost price in a Corby church hall.

Strikers buy cost-price vegetables From Penny Symon

Corby

In an atmosphere of resentment and bitterness at the latest pay offer, members of Corby Steel strike committee yesterday distributed bags of vegetables to strikersand their families in an attempt to alleviate their increasing hardship. They had been bought in

large quantities at cost price from a wholesaler by Mr Tom Barrowman, an Iron and Steel Trades Confederation official who administers the strike committee's hardship fund. They were distributed in a church

demand for a change in the

NEC composition and he thought that it should have high priority. Mr Foot disagreed and had the support of

At another point, where the commission discussed whether

certain documents coming be-fore them should be "classi-fied". Mr Callaghan insisted

that the reports on "entryism" by Trotskyists and the Militant Tendency should be considered and made public.

Apparently a majority re-jected this; they said it was a

matter under consideration by

the national executive and it should be left to them.

the NEC had refused to allow the publication of the Underhill

reports. He had always argued in favour of publication. If the

But Mr Callaghan said that

several others.

Callaghan-Foot clash over changes in executive

received a bag of potatoes, carrots, cabbage and other vegetables on payment of 70p.

Money for the hardship fund is being sent from ISTC head-quarters in London to the strike committee.
Mr Barrowman said: "The

fund is not adequate. We are always appealing for more but we are trying to do something to relieve the hardship which being felt here. "Our priorities are single people, and couples who are both on strike. We are not giving money to people who are getting something from social security, although they are in

dire straits, too ".
Strikers are finding it difficult and slow to get any supplementary benefits to which they are entitled, he said. "We think they [the DHSS] are deliberately stalling. They will not tell ing ".

Mr Callaghan said that at NEC did not deal with this, Benn, MP for Bristol, South-regional conferences he had then the commission ought to east (political education and sensed that there was a strong do so.

Speaking at a press con-

ference after the meeting, Mr Basnett said: "We took an

instant, monosyllabic decision

that there should be no classi-

fication of documents: that, as

far as we were concerned, the

will be no attempt to maintain

He said that the three panels

which would investigate par-

Evans, general secretary, Transport and General Workers

Union (membership and organization); Mr Clive

any secrecy."

hall in the town centre. People us under which orders they are operating these particular bene-fits."

The local council has assured the strike committee that people will not be evicted for non-payment of rent because of the strike. Churches have made donations to the hardship fund. But there have been unpleas-ant incidents. Mr Mick Skelton, strike coordinator in Corby, had the wheels of his car loosened while on picket duty. One came off while he was driving on the M1. The aerial was sawn off his car while it was outside his house. The police are mak ing investigations.

Commenting on the pay offer, Mr Skelton said he thought it was scandalous. "It is an insult to us, especially after all this time. Now the picketing will be strengthened considerably. Peoples' attitudes are harden-

Mr Basnett said it would be

possible for the panels to coopt

Labour MPs, representatives of

constituency parties, the TUC.

the Co-operative Party, and

other affiliated organizations.

Recommendations from the panels would come back to the

He said: "Our object is to

make sure that we have a party

with a substantial membership,

properly financed, working effectively, and which is going

The three co-chairmen would take turns at presiding over the meetings; there had been no

publicity).

business of the inquiry and our artitude and decisions should be openly known, and there the said: "Our object is to

ticular subjects would be to achieve power and remain headed by Mr Mostyn (Moss) in power."

Jenkins, general secretary of Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (finance); and Mr Wedgwood of the commission.

Snowdonia in nuclear waste survey

By John Young Planning Reporter

A Welsh Nationalist MP's allegation yesterday that goverument geologists were cov-ertly surveying possible sites in Snowdonia for dumping of nuclear waste was met by an open admission that such sur-

veys were indeed taking place. Mr Dafydd Wigley, Plaid Cymru MP for Caernarvon, issued a map showing 24 pos-sible sites for test drilling. He said that farmers had been approached by geologists for permission to explore on their land, and that the reason given was that they were taking gravity level readings. "I hereby give a warning

that the people of this area will not tolerate it being turned into a nuclear dustbin", he added. His party's constituency committee was to discuss the matter last night and it was likely that a protest rally would be organized forthwith.

The geologists are employed by the Institute of Geological Sciences, an offshoot of the National Environmental Re-search Council. An NERC official explained yesterday that Gwynedd and Powvs were among four areas designated last month for possible under-ground storage of long-life nuclear wastes.

There was no question of

any drilling taking place at this stage, he emphasized, because that would require planning permission through a public inouiry.

Three other areas had been selected for similar surveys, in Nottinghamshire and Leicester shire. Hereford and Worcester. and Somerset. MPs in the constituencies concerned had received letters from Mr Michael Heseltine. Secretary of State for the Environment, advising them of the reconnected to the reconn

naissance.
Permission for test drilling has so far been granted in only one area, in Caithness, Scotland. A public inquiry into similar plans for Galloway, in south-west Scotland, is due to start shortly.

Helicopter speed records claimed

The French aircraft manufacturing company Aerospatiale yesterday claimed two new helicopter speed records between the centre of London and the centre of Paris.

An SA365N Dauphine operated by test pilots flew from Paris to London in one hour three minutes 29 seconds, breaking the previous record by seven minutes 51 seconds. On the return journey the Dau-phine took one hour 12 minutes nine seconds.

Letters home from

men at war

Millions of letters were written home in the First World War. Most are lost for ever : but a few have lain hidden for half a century and have only recently been unearthed.

The Imperial War Museum has made a collection of these remarkable documents. mostly bequeathed by next of kin. Together they make up an extraordinary testimony to the unbounded reserves of courage ordinary men and women found to face the ultimate desolation

of war.
The Sunday Times tomorrow publishes for the first time a selection of letters from a new book by Michael Moynihan.

Tanker involved in criminal Solicitor vetoed act, Liberian envoy says

By Our Shipping Correspondent but his appointment with Scot-Liberia is satisfied that land Yard was cancelled with-criminal action has taken place out explanation. He would like in regard to the tanker Salem, to meet Mr Fred Soudan, direcand will seek to extradite those tor of the Oxford Shipping concerned to Liberia and take Company, owners of the Salem, criminal proceedings there, Mr but did not know where he was. criminal proceedings there, Mr E. Winfred Smallwood, Liberia's Solicitor-General, said in Lon-don last night. The maximum penalty for a felony of that kind was five years' imprisonment,

he said. Any claim by Britain to have jurisdiction in the case would surprise him. Mr Smallwood added. Liberia regarded the Salem as Liberian territory, and Britain had only recently collaborated in extraditing from Hongkong to Liberia two British Chinese seamen to face proceed-ings for murder in a Liberian ship. That Britain had sought to

believe ". talked to Shell and underwriters to whom.

£2.000 reward for cat

Mr Freddie Csali, aged 54, of Letchworth, Hertfordshire, has offered a reward of £2,000 to the finder of Smokey, his family's Burmese cat which has been missing since December. stones and valued at £100.

He also wished to talk to the

Salem's captain in Dakar, and he hopes Liberia's treaty with Senegal permits extradition if necessary. While suspicion so far has tended to be directed at the captain, Mr Smallwood said, his inquiries pointed to several other individuals or companies as being involved.

He was satisfied that oil from the Salem had been sold to some person or persons in South Africa and inquiries would be made there. He binted that Liberia's attempts to harassume jurisdiction in this case ness other countries, high techwas a "rumour he was loath to nology to get at the Salem and her papers in deep water might Since arriving in London on be frustrated by interested Thursday Mr Smallwood has parties, but he declined to say

Fish snatch Thieves attacked a delivery man in the Aston Field indus-trial estate at Stafford yesterday and escaped with two hoves of wet fish weighing about four

as alderman wins reelection

By Christopher Warman Correspondent

Mr Donald Silk, whose elec-tion as a City of London alder-man last July was vetoed by the Court of Alderman, has been re-elected in a vote in the Aldersgate ward of the City. The election, on Thursday, gave him an increased majority in a higher poll. Mr Silk, a solicitor, received 259 votes, defeating Mr Francis Mr-William (229) and Mr David Shalit (69). In last July's elec-tion, the voting was 206-195 in a straight fight. Mr Silk will come up for

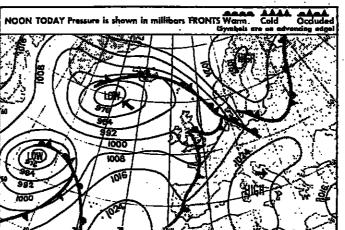
confirmation before the Court of Alderman on March 18. After he was rejected by the Court last year, he challenged the decision in the High Court Mr Silk contended that the veto was invalid. Alderman had been abolished elsewhere in England and Wales, but had been allowed to remain in the City of London because they were democratically elected.

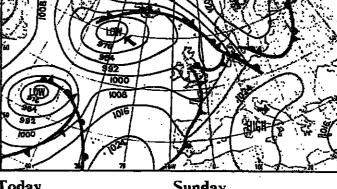
were democratically elected.

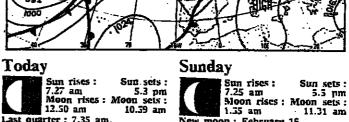
His application was dismissed by Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice

Mr Silk said last night: "I believe that I have been triumphantly vindicated. I have been elected with an increased. majority in an increased poll."

Weather forecast and recordings







Last quarter: 7.35 am.
Lighting up: 5.33 pm to 6.55 am.
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High Water: London Bridge, 6.31
am, 6.0m; 7.03 pm, 6.1m. Avonmouth, 11.33 am, 10.4m. Dover,
3.42 am, 5.6m; 4.17 pm, 5.2m.
Hull, 11.11 am, 5.8m; 11.23 pm,
5.9m. Liverpool, 4.0 am, 7.5m;
4.17 pm, 7.5m.
ift=0.3048m. lm=3.209ft. Frontal troughs will move across most regions in a moist S air-

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE and E England,
East Anglia, Midlands (E):
occasional ram or drizzle, heaviest during afternoon but clearing
later, misty; Wind S fresh,
locally strong, veering SW later;
max temp 10° to 12°C (50° to
54°F).
Central S Central N and NW

54°F).
Central S, Central N and NW England, Midlands (W), Channel Islands, North Wales, Lake District. Isle of Man and SW Scotland: Outbreaks of rain, heavy at times, hill log, drier after dark with clear intervals; wind SE to S strong, gale in exposed places, veering W later; max temp 10° to 12°C (50° to 54°F).

SW England. South Wales:

SW England, South Wales: Rain and hill fog, giving way to sunny intervals and showers by

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New moon: February 16.
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NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Glasgow, Central Highlands; outbreaks of rain, heavy at times; bill for deficite.

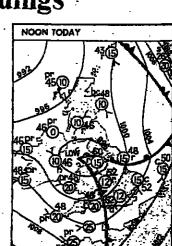
tral Highlands: outbreaks of rain, heavy at times; hill fog, drier towards midnight; wind SE, strong, gale in exposed places, veering SW later; max temp 7° to 10°C (45° to 50°F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney: Outbreaks of rain after a dry, misty start; wind mostly S to SE, strong; max temp 5° to 7°C (41° to 45°F).

Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland: showers, prolonged and heavy at times but some sunny intervals; wind mostly S, fresh; max temp 9° to 11°C (48° to 57°F). max temp 9' to 11 C (48" 52°F).
Shetland: Rain at times, hill

fog; wind SE. strong to gale; max temp 4° to 5°C (39° to 41°F). WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r.

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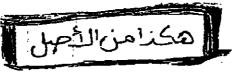


Sea passages: S North Sca, Strait of Dover: Wind S, fresh or strong, increasing gale at times, veering SW later; sea rough or very rough.

English Channel (E): Wind S, gale; sea rough or very rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind cyclonic, becoming NW. strong to gale; sea rough or very

Missing





Dan stole people Monation

Outlook for tomorrow and Mon-day: Generally brighter, though with overnight fog patches; rain back into SW areas on Monday.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm (11°C, 52°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am (8°C, 46°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 77 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.12in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.12in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 1.011.5 millibars, steady, 1.000 millibars = 29.53in.



Net agricultural output fell by 31 per cent last year, with farmers incomes down 17 per cent in real terms, bank borrowcent in real terms, bank borrowings up 30 per cent to an estimated £2,200m, more than 70 per cent higher than in 1977, and productivity down, according to figures published vesterday by the Ministry of Agriculture; Fisheries and Food. The decline came after the barsh winter of 1979 and a cold, wet spring, and in spite of record harvests of cereals and

sugar-beet. The figures, published in the Anaual Review of Agriculture, were described as "sorry reading" by Mr Richard Butler, president of the National Farmers' Union who called for mers' Union, who called for prompt government action to stop a bad situation getting

But they brought a robust reply from Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, who blamed the Labour Government's resistance to devaluing the "green pound". There had not been time since May for the new Government's policies to have much impact in 1979, he said in a parliamentary written reply a parliamentary written reply.

"Since then we have taken a number of significant steps to improve producers' incomes. We have announced three devaluations of the green pound, valuations of the green pound, two increases in the price of milk and a substantial increase in the hill livestock compensatory allowances", he said.

"The devaluations, combined with the strength of sterling, have removed the discriming. have removed the discrimina-tion against British agriculture that has taken place over recent years. The industry is now in a position to compete fairly in

the European market."

Whatever the future, the report paints a bleak picture of crease.

1979. Costs were up 13 per cent, but prices by only 11 per cent. Farmers' incomes dropped in real terms by 17 per cent after an 11 per cent fall in 1977, with net incomes estimated at 51,193,000 or 51 per cent down on 1978.

The dairy berd and milk production increased slightly. But the beef herd fell by nearly 3 per cent. Home produced beef was down by 1 per cent and the lamb crop by 3 per cent despite an increase in the sheep-breeding herd. The pig-breeding herd began to contract again, and although production of pigmeat was up in 1979, it is expected to fall this year. Egg production fell, and less land was again devoted to horticulwas again devoted to horticul-

ture.

Bank borrowings rose sharply, and while some of it was for land purchase and building and works investment, borrowing for ordinary farming purposes also

the output. Mr Butler said that with costs up, income down, interest charges and inflation high, "many farmers and growers will face acute financial diffi-

mission proposed that guaranteed prices should rise by an average of only 2.4 per cent this year, against the farmers' damand form 70 demand for a 7.9 per cent in-

Author drops a brick and down comes a ton from the royal archives

By Trevor Fishlock A new history of Queen tions or a few words softened Victoria's children is to be I shall be happy to help; but corrected in its second edition where my documentary eviaties an approach to the publication of the publicatio after an approach to the pub-lishers by Sir Robin Mackworth-

oung, Assistant Keeper to the wrote.

seen's Archives at Windsor. "My book is a happy book, The book, Queen Victoria's showing what excellent parents and Mr David Burnett, Gol-lancz's deputy managing direc-tor, over changes in the text

Mrs Bennett's breaking of golden rule. Like all tho permitted to research in the royal archives she signed an undertaking to show her com-

archive office. But she longot to do so.

"Now Sir Robin has come down on me like a ton of bricks", she said at her home in Cambridge yesterday. "It is entirely my fault and I have no excuse. I have stepped out of line—and if you step out of line with such people I'm afraid you are for it. And, oh dear. you are for it. And, oh dear, there ere one or two people in the literary world who would

like to see me chopped up.
"I have been told of some

"I don't think he has any right to order changes, but if

Postman stole boat people fund donations

A postman who stole more than 800 packages from a sorting office, including £500 of donations to an appeal for the Vietnamese boat people, was jailed by Mr Justice Comyn at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for three years.

The judge said the extent of Terrance Crabb's offences was colossal. "But the nastiest of all was when you robbed a charity appeal which the public had taken very much to its heart at the time", he added.

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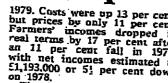
Mr Crabb, aged 25, of Bigland Street, Whitechapel,
London, pleaded guilty to four
specimen charges of theft from
postal packages while working
in the sorting office at King
Edward's Buildings, Giltspur
Street, City. He asked for 871
offences to be considered.

Chief inspector finds missing girl in street

Suzanne Ward, aged 15, the schoolgirl who has been missing for two weeks was found safe and well at Bournemouth vesterday and taken to her parents' home at Bushey, Hertfordshire.

Her sister Caroline said that Suzanne was discovered by Chief Inspector Robert Green, who had gone to Bournemouth

to help to look for her. "He spotted her in the street as he was driving to the local police station. He had told us it would take two or three days at least to find her, but he just saw her walking alone".



ordinary farming purposes also rose. Interest payments were estimated at £318m, more than double the 1977 figure.

Labour productivity declined by an estimated 2! per cent, after an average 3! per cent increase over the past decade and an increase of 8 per cent in 1978, while the number of whole-time workers declined again, as did the number of farms, to about 257,000.

Large concerns, which account for just over a tenth of the total, produced nine tenths of the output.

culties this year". On Thursday the EEC Com-

naturally stand by what I

Albert and Victoria were.

sent the Queen a copy and had

"The author has tripped over the protocol and the Assistant

Keeper of the Archives has

justifiably complained. It was Mrs Bennett's gaffe, and she is

upset about it : she is a serious and scholarly writer

Palace trying to censor the book Mrs Bennett is entitled to

"There is no question of the

Young, Assistant Keeper to the Queen's Archives at Windsor.

The book, Queen Victoria's Children. was written by Daphne Bennett and published a week ago by Gollancz. The first edition is almost sold out and the publishers have agreed to print a second. But before that happens there will be negotiations betweeen Sir Robin and Mr. David Rumett. Gol.

at Sir Rober would like. The root of the matter is pleted manuscript to the archive office. But she forgot

draw her conclusions from the material she has researched. Sir Robin is interested in matters of fact and I hope to discuss with him next week the corrections that might be made in the second edition. Access to the Queen's Archives is, of course, a privilege and people are expected to abide by the rules. And the archive office will point out any

errors in a completed manu-Ar Windsor last night Sir Robin said: "We never take it upon ourselves to censor a book. The archives, however, are private and so we ask people to whom we give permission to research here to agree to show us their completed work. In this case the agreement was not respected. of Sir Robin's complaints and they do seem to be niggling little things. He really is just quibbling. And the things he is complaining about were not drawn from royal archive material. They came from other agreement was not respected. There will be further contact

British Airways to convert light vehicles to gas

with the publisher".

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent In an effort to reduce opera-tional costs, British Airways is to convert several hundred of its light commercial vehicles to

its light commercial ventries to run on propane gas.

An investigation into the merits of driving on gas rather than on perrol had been made over three months by Mr Dick Harfield, the airline's general manager, motor transport and ground equipment.
In November, his company

Rover car was converted to run on propane
It will cost between £250 and £300 to convert each British Airways vehicle to run on gas.



It's a dog's life for this mastiff on the opening day of Cruft's Dog Show at Earls Court, London, yesterday.

evidence in public

By Peter Evans

Home Affairs Correspondent Sir Thomas Hetheringron,
Director of Public Prosecutions,
is to give evidence in public
to the House of Commons
Select Committee on Home
Affairs about deaths in police

He has provided the com-mittee with a written memorandum. His appearance next Thursday, as foreshadowed in The Times, represents a shift of opinion in the Government which has maintained that law officers should be outside the committee's remit.

Further evidence from other bodies indicates the commit-tee's widening of interest in the subject. The Police Federation, which will appear on Monday to answer questions about the law relating to public order, pro-cessions and public meetings, is also giving evidence in public on deaths in police

custody. The Coroners' Society and the British Association in Forensic Medicine will be appearing on Thursday.

The Metropolitian Police and the Association of Chief Police

a lovely warm reply.

"But Sir Robin seems upset and so I must try to placate him. I'm sure he is a reasonable man at heart."

At Gollancz, Mr Burnett said:

The author has tripped over the Association of Chief Police Officers will provide evidence about public order on February

MP supports parents over sex education By Our Education

Correspondent Mr George Gardiner, a Con-Mr George Gardiner, a Con-servative backbench MP, has tabled a clause to the Govern-ment's Education Bill which would give parents the right to know what their children are being taught in sex education classes, and to withdraw them if they wish

if they wisb. Mr Gardiner, MP for Reigate, said: "Some of the sex education material available today makes parents hair stand on end—if they ever see it. I possess printed material that

even treats bestiality and incest in a totally neutral and amoral "If parents want to adopt this approach, then so be it. But if they want to give their children sexual guidance in a context of moral values and responsibility, then they should

be able to reject any school courses of a strictly functional, amoral nature that conflict with Mr Gardiner cited Make i Mr Gardiner cited Make it Happy, by Jane Cousins, as an example of a book which treated bestielity and incest in an amoral way. The book, published by Virago and designed to give guidance on a wide range of sexual matters to children aged between 13 and 16, won The Times Educational Supplement's senior informa-

copies since it was published 12 months ago. Many parents have been shocked by its explicit treatment of taboo subjects.

Supplement's senior informa-tion book award last year. It has sold more than 10,000

DPP to give | Controls on college courses to be tighter

By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent

Strict criteria for the approval of new advanced courses in polytechnics and other maintained colleges will be sent to local education authorities in a circular from the Department of Education and Science next week.

All advanced courses in the maintained sector have to be approved by the Secretary of State for Education and Science, who has the complementary power to direct that such courses be discontinued. In practice, these controls are operated by regional staff inspectors, except in the case of teacher training courses.

The inspectors have considered new proposals and the continuance of courses in the light of criteria laid down during a period of expansion, the circular says. In the coming period of level funding it would be necessary to re-examine those criteria. The department would con-

sult local authorities about its proposals for the medium and In the short term, no new courses would be approved unless there was clear evidence of unmer student demand; and new course, or amendment an existing course, would

From Our Correspondent Whitehaven

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Jeffrey Conyers, aged 53, a

at York Crown Court, sitting at Knaresborough yesterday after being convicted of theft.

Mr Conyers, a former secretary of Hull Prison Officers' Association, worked in the reception area of Hull prison between 1974 and 1975. He

handled all prisoners' clothing. Once, it was stated he borrowed

an expensive overcoat from a

prisoner to attend a promotion interview and never gave it back.

'Two lakes' inquiry will

continue until May

Warder who stole clothes

gets suspended sentence

prison officer, was given a suspended jail sentence of nine
months by Judge Dean, QC,
at York Crown Court, sitting at
Knaresbossush

The only exception which might be considered would be a course to meet an expressed vocational need and provide students with specific employment opportunities, the circular

Courses recruiting for the first time in 1980 or 1981 would be expected to achieve, or come close to, the minimum enrolment figure for advanced courses of 24 students. Few exceptions would be made. Existing courses would also be expected to adhere to the specified minimum enrolment figure, although there would be some flexibility.

All courses, including teacher training courses, would be reviewed in the light of similar courses in other institutions. Undue duplication would be

The Government has an-nounced that it will hold the "pool" for home students in advanced further education the maintained sector at £375m in 1980-81, which is about the same as in 1979-80, but nine per cent less than the local authorities were asking for. The introduction of full cost new course, or amendment an existing course, would September could have a approved unless existing dramatic effect on provision.

PARLIAMENT, February 8, 1980

Warning from former minister of effect of proposed change in law on time limit for abortions

House of Commons
In its present form the Abortion
(Amendment) Bill would lead to
more mothers doing at child birth,
more children being born handicapped, more unwanted and unloved children, and more social
problems. Mr David Ennals
(Norwich, North, Lab), former
Secretary of State for Social
Services, said as the report stage
of the Bill began.

He was moving a new clause
which would amend the Infant
Life (Preservation) Act of 1929
by replacing the words "child
capable of being born alive" with
the words "capable of sustaining
independent life", and stating
that a child was capable of sostaining independent life if and
only if the woman has been pregmore.

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The new clause was considered The new clause was considered with an amendment to Clause 2 (Termination of pregnancy without regard to time limit nuder section 1 in certain grave cases) replacing the words "being born alive" with "sustaining independent life"

dent life "
Mr Eunals said this discussion concurred the issue of what was life. Did life in the sense of terminating life begin at conception? It could be argued that every part of a person's body was alive. Nobody would say that no part of a life human being should be removed under any circumstances. Some men and women had the heart, kidneys or eyes of another human being now dead. At the other extreme there were women who had died in the prime of their lives because no abortion was carried out at the right time; there were children born congenitally handicapped for the same there were children born congenitally handicapped for the same reasons, sometimes grossly malformed for the rest of their life. What was life in the context of the Bill? No one would be evil elough to wish to destroy a human life. Every human being had a right to live. Surely the said! a live, child is one capable of sustaining a separate individual existence. This was the thesis they sought to set forth in the new clause and amendment.

forth in the new clause and amendment.

He submitted that the Bill, if it contained Clause 1 without the amendment and the new clause, it would mean more back-street abortions, it would give freedom to the charlatans whose objective would be to earn their living as they did before the 1967 Act at the expense of an unfortunate pregnant woman, with abortions performed not only outside the pregnant woman, with abortions performed not only outside the law but sometimes in dangerous and insanitary circumstances.

It it is murder we are talking about (he said) and some people have used those emotional terms, this Bill, unless we are able to change it, is likely to promote murder.

murder. No doctor was happy to perform a late abortion and only felt justi-fied in performing abortions in exceptional circumstances on this exceptional circumstances on this issue they spoke in a united way. In making a law that would be binding on the medical profession MPs were doing something serious if they imposed on them restrictions they were unable to fulfil, and that way why they had been bursting with indignation that the House should understand the dilemma to which they would be

courage.
Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab) said the reason they had sought to deal with the controversial question of tiability was

roversial question of viability was partly because of cases of a foetus on a slab which made a noise and it was therefore assumed that that foetus was viable and capable of independent life.

These cases had repeatedly hit the headlines, and one after another they had been shot down by independent medical opinions and investigation by the Department of Health.

It was therefore proposed to redefine viability, mainly to ensure that a doctor would not be prosecuted for aborting a foetus which showed signs of life but which nevertheless was incapable of maintaining an independent existence.

Essex, C) said every day of the week there were abortions on demand either in private clinics or, in some cases, NHS hospitals. He had in his hand a green form, certificate A, which had to be completed by two doctors acting in good faith. In this case, a doctor had referred his patient to a well-known hospital saying that in his opinion there were no grounds for termination, but that the matter ought to be considered. A termination was carried out, and A termination was carried out, and the certificate in and

A termination was carried out, and the certificate in question was signed by only one ductor.

The discharge certificate, which was sent to the patient's general practitioner, gave as the diagnosis: "unwanted pregnancy".

That is the said an illegal operation, The law has not been complied with by the doctor who carried it out. This sort of thing is illegal, it is disgraceful, and it is taking place every day of the week.

Mrs Gwyneth Danwoody (Crewe.

Mrs Gwyneth Danwoody (Crewe. Lab)—Sir Bernard should tell the House why confidential records of any case of that kind, which presumably are the responsibility of the doctor and not anyone outside that relationship, came into his possession.

Sir Bernard Braine—I cannot de-scribe the distress of a doctor who knows this sort of thing is going on: The document is confidential. That is why it is extremely diffi-cult to pinpoint what is taking place. If the minister is interested in this case, when this sort of thing is illegal, I would certainly convey to him this document in my possession.

Mr. Pavid Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L)—Sir Bernard

and Peebles, L)—Sir Bernard Braine is producing evidence that sections 1 and 2 of the 1967 Abortion Act have been broken. That seems a good case for enforcement of the law, but it does not seem to add up to a case to change a law which is at present not being enforced.

Public opinion would expect them to lower what was thought to be a limit of 28 weeks and create a fresh statute establishing a limit for routine abortions of 24 weeks.—If the Bill had done only that it would have had general consent. He regretted it

improve the law.

Dr Gerard Vaughan, Minister of State for Health, (Reading, South, C, said at 28 weeks there could be no absolute evidence that a foetus was viable, only prima facis evidence.

For those who wanted to change the period to 24 weeks he would advise they support a later amendment which would achieve what they desired and reject the new clause.

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Mr Stanley Orme, Opposition spokesman on health, (Salford, West, Lab.) speaking personally, said he was in favour of the 24-weeks' amendment, it might be better for the House to have a clear vow and decision on that and not cloud the issue on the new clause.

The new clause was negatived. Miss Josephine Richardson (Barking Lab) moved an amendment to provide that an abortion could not be performed after a women had been pregnant for 27 weeks. With it were considered two other amendments, one to increase the period to 24 weeks and another to 22 weeks. The present law specifies 28 weeks.

She said that although there was a large volume of opinion in this country, medical and otherwise, which now accepted 34 weeks, there was room for a margin of error so the Abortion Act 1967 should remain effectively as it was.

She hoped MPs would reject decisively the 20 and 22 weeks, and seriously consider fee preposal for 27 weeks its and seriously consider fee preposal for 27 weeks its and seriously consider fee preposal for 27 weeks its and seriously consider fee preposal for 27 weeks its and seriously consider fee preposal for 27 weeks its and seriously consider fee preposal for 27 weeks its and seriously consider fee preposal for 27 weeks its and seriously consider fee preposal for 27 weeks its and seriously consider fee preposal for 27 weeks its and seriously consider fee preposal for 27 weeks its and seriously consider fee preposal for 27 weeks its and seriously consider fee preposal for 27 weeks its and seriously consider feet for a seriously consider feet feet for a seriously consider feet for a seriously consider feet f

as it was by reducing a by one week. It was a

Mr Charles Morrison (Declaes, C) said the vast majorit, I people, were more concerned at we the rime limit than any other part of the Bill. It was a pity that the Bill was not limited to this syntation and he hoped that should it not complete all its stages the Government would consider the suggestion that it should maelf introduce a short Bill to cover the time timit point.

If the time was reduced to 20 weeks that would doubtless mean in practice that many doctors Mr Charles Morrison (De-

the practice that many doctors would work to a limit of coasiderably less, probably 17 or 18 weeks, simply as a result of their ruderstandable and justifiable fear

of breaking the law.

The consequence would be agrowth in illegal abortions just are the pregnant woman way or the pregnant women was entering the most difficult period of the pregnancy. It would be hound to increase suffering and perhaps mortality.

House adjourned, 3.3 pm.

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Court of Appeal.

'Signature' on partnership cheque

Ringham v Hackett and Another Before Lord Justice Megaw, Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice

Ormrod [Judgments delivered February 4] Where a cheque drawn on a parinership bank account bore the printed name of the partnership and the signature of one pariner. Whitehaven
The "two lakes" inquiry in Whitehaven could became one of the longest public inquiries in English history.
Mr Denis Komlosy, a Department of the Environment (Komlosy said: "Proceedings are taking longer than expected and therefore an extended programme bas been arranged".

He said that extra surveys, statistics and plans were having avoided by the NWWA information. orinted name of the partnership and the signature of one partner, and the payee took the cheque in person to the drawer's bank and sought payment, the payee was entitled to recover the amount of the cheque from the other partner, since there was a sufficient with purpose of the extended meaning of the word in section 23(2) of the Bills of Exchange Act, 1882, and the cheque had been presented in the meaning of section 45 even though no attempt had been made to have it paid through a bank account. The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Mr Cecil Walmsley, of Christchurch, Dorset, a partner in Hackett/Walmsley Promotions, from an order by Judge Ewart-James at Poole County Court that Mr Walmsley pay to the plaintiff. Mr Paul Ringham, of Poole, 500 being the amount of a cheque drawn in the plaintiff's favour by Mr Bobby Hackett, Mr Walmsley's partner, on the account of Hackett/Walmsley Promotions.

Section 23 provides: "No person is liable as drawer, indorser, or acceptor of a bill who

ment of the Environment komlosy said: "Proceedings inspector, said yesterday that the proceedings would continue until May.

The inquiry, which began on January 15, is considering two schemes to raise the levels of Ennerdale Water and Wast Water, in the Lake District.

The North West Water Authority wants more water for industrial west Cumbria and wants to take it from Ennerdale Water, while British wastes.

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Mr Komlosy said the extra surveys. a new prison issue sun made to measure for himself by using prison issue sports jacket which Judge Dean, passing the sentence, which was suspended for two years, said: "The consequences will be far greater outside this court."

Mr Conyers will lose his job and his bown and his personal to receive the court.

ley's partier, on the account of Hackett/Walmsley Promotions.

Section 23 provides: "No person is liable as drawer, indorser, or acceptor of a bill who has not signed it as such: Provided that... (2) the signature of the name of a firm is equivalent to the signature by the person so signing of the names of all persons liable as partners in that firm."

Section 45 provides: "Subject to the provisions of this Act a bill must be duly presented for payment. If it be not so presented the drawer and indorsers shall be discharged. A bill is duly presented for payment which is presented in accordance with the following rules: ... (3) Presentment must be made by the holder... at the proper place as hereinafter defined... to the person designated by the bill as payer... (4) A bill is presented at the proper place: ... (b) Where no place of payment is specified, but the bill is there presented ..."

cheque signed by one partner.

Mr Hackett wrote and signed a crossed cheque to the plaintiff for E500 as payment for two stage appearances, unknown to Mr Walmsley and in such circumstances that he would have disapproved if he had known. Mr Hackett then disappeared, and Mr Walmsley told the bank not to honour any cheques drawn by him. When the plaintiff went to the bank and asked for the £500, he was told that the bank had orders not to pay, but that he

him. When the plaintit wem to the bank and asked for the £500, he was told that the bank had orders not to pay, but that he could present it through his own bank or pay it into the Canford Cliffs bank on a paying-in slip to go through his own bank in due course. The judge held that Mr Walmsley was liable to the plaintiff for the £500.

Mr Norman submitted that although it might be banking practice that the signature of one partner on a cheque with the partnership name printed on it bound the other partner, that was not the true position in law. By section 23(2) of the Bills of Exchange Act, he said, the other partner was only liable if the firm "signed" the cheque, and for that to occur there had to be some link on the face of the cheque between the manustript signature and the printed name of the firm, such as "pp" before the printed words.

His Lordship did not think any such physical link was required. It was a necessary inference that a partner who signed his name under the printed name was making a cheque on the firm and all its partners.

Mr Norman's other main point was that the cheque had not been "presented", as required by section 45 He argued that a crossed cheque could only be presented by passing it through

Mr Michael Norman for Mr Walmsley; Mr Jonathan Marks for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE MEGAW said that in July, 1977, Mr Backett and Mr Walmsley set up a partnership in the entertainment business. They opened an account at Lloyds Bank, Canford Cliffs, in the name of the partnership. Two cheque books were issued with "Hackett/ Walmsley Promotions" printed on each cheque, it was agreed that the bank would pass any cheque signed by one partner.

Mr Michael Norman for Mr a bank account. That was not mystique about the payment of crossed cheques in terms of the 1882 Act. All that was required was compliance with the "rules" in section 45, and something like a demand by the bolder to a responsible person in the paying bank. That had been done in the present case. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

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the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON, concurring, said that section 23 had to be viewed in the light of Lord Evershed's words in Goodman v. J. Eban Lud ([1954] 1 QB 550.

557): "... where an Act of Parliament requires that any particular document be 'signed' by a person, then, prima facie, the requirement of the Act is satisfied if the person himself places upon the document an engraved representation of his signature by means of a rubber stamp. The sentation of his signature by means of a rubber stamp... The essential requirement of signing is the affixing in some way, whether by writing with a pen or pencil or by otherwise impressing upon the document, one's name or 'signature's so as personally to authenticate the document." Where the printed name was accompanied by a manuscript signature, it was prima facie, evidence that the cheque was being drawn on the account it purported to be drawn on. Mr Walmsley had nor rebutted the presumption.

It seemed to be generally

presumption.

It seemed to be generally thought that a payee could only present a crossed cheque by paying it through a bank. That was a misconception. The provisions as to crossed cheques in the 1832 Act (sections 79 and 80) were intended to protect the bank and its customer: they had no impact on the payee. If the latter presented the cheque in person, he might not get his money, but it was no less a presentment for that reason.

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD, also. LORD JUSTICE ORMROD, also

concurring, said that "sign" in section 23 had a much wider than its ordinary meaning. That was clear from other sections in the Act. eg section 91.

The appeal was dismissed with Solicitors: Coles, Poole; Watts, Vallance & Vallance.

Welsh villages 'in constant fear' of floods Two remanded

From Our Correspondent

Cardiff
Villagers in the South Wales
valleys who are facing their
second serious flood in six
weeks said yesterday that they
were living in constant fear
because of lack of action by the

authorities.

After a further 24 hours of torrential rain large areas of South Wales from the Neath valley in West Glamorgan to Gwent were threatened by floods. Late yesterday the water was begining to subside, although flood alerts were still in operation in some areas.

Due with more rain forecast But, with more rain forecast many villagers believe the situation could get worse. According to the meteorological office at Cardiff airport, the average rainfall for February there is less than average.

The worst affected area was

the Rhondda. Ar Trehaford residents protested at a meeting arranged at short notice with representatives of the Welsh water Aurbority and local councils.

Mr Graham Prosser, chairman of the village flood prevention committee, said it was a very angry meeting. "People are living in fear of their blives", he said. It would cost about £350,000 to make their village safe. They had been assurred that a full inspection of the work required would be carried out on Monday.

The 250 villagers of Blaen covered from the last sinurded. The covered from the last sinurded to help.

Lest Wednesday villagers of said it was they face from floods. Mrs Maralyn Evans, aged 27, who is married, with a two-year-old son and experting another child in May, whose husband gave the alarm early yesterday, said: "This proves out point. People are beginning to live on their nerves. The community sparit is there but people are getting tense. It is only natural, living with the constant fear of fall amerometry alart to follow a fall amerometry alart to follow a fall amerometry alart.

more rain.
The village was cut off yes-

tion, on December 27, were facing a full emergency alert which is not due to be lifted until tonight if there is no Borough Council chief execu-Borough Council chief execu-tive, said the council had put a the average rainful for recording the council had put a scheme costing £400,000 for the village to the Weigh Office five recording the small river Selsig weeks ago.

He was also said to have had

The third charge involved a

he was said to have stolen from the reception area. Mr Convers

said he had only borrowed it and simply forgot to return it.

and his home and his pension rights are expected to be sus-pended until he is 60.

Two Ulster men were remanded in custody at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday on charges arising from the kidnapping last month of a bank manager's wife and

Henry Doherty and Vincent Henry Doherty and Vincent Feegan, both aged 21, with Dublin addresses, will appear again in court on March 3. The court rejected applications for bail because of "the probability that they would not stand trial". Mr Doherty and Mr Feegan

each face three charges: rob-bery of £30,000 from Mr Thomas Scully, an Allied Irish Bank manager, in Dublin; de-manding £100,000 with menaces from him; and falsely im-prisoning his daughter, Anne, ared 17.

School in turban lawsuit has Professor Blunt two Sikh pupils, court told

attending classes, it was stated at Birmingham County Court

yesterday. Canon Norman Power, who teaches religious education at the Park Grove private school in Edgbaston, said he had boys of various creeds and nationalities, and "the two Sikh boys at the school did not wear their hair long, or turbans. They co. formed to the normal standards

of the school." Canon Power was the first The hearing was adjourated defence witness in an action to a date to be fixed.

From Our Correspondent

Birmingham

A private school in Birmingham that barmed a Sikh boy, aged 13, because he wore a turban, has two Sikh boys

Mr Mandla, and his son, Gurinder, of Caroline Close, Sandwell Valley, West Bromwich, claim that the school would not admit the boy because he wore a turban.

They are claiming damages for injured feelings and also claim that the boy was discri-minated against indirectly by the school enforcing a uniform law that he could not be expec-ted to comply with as a

practising Sikh.

of emeritus title

Professor Anthony Blunt, the former Soviet spy, faces the first step of an attempt to strip him of an academic honour today. London University's gradu-ate body will debate a motion urging that the emeritus pro-fessorship granted in 1974 should be taken away from him. should be taken away from him.
The sponsors of the motion are Professor Peter Lindsay, head of physical electronics at King's College London, and Mr Peter Waters, lecturer at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

The title was conferred on Professor Blunt after he retired from the posts of director of the Courtauld Institute and Pro-

fessor of History of Art at Lon-

Siege ambassador rolled down stairs with clothes ablaze

Senor Marcelino Oreja, the Spanish Foreign Minister, dis- Then the occupiers threw anopelled all doubts about how the fatal fire started at the The whole room caught fire as Spanish Embassy in Guatemala the bomb exploded. City last week, answering questions in Parliament, he rejected right-wing allegations that Spain's embassies are under atracked because the Madrid Government is secretly trying to overthrow certain Latin American regimes.

Señor Oreja's remarks were made during a meeting of the foreign relations committee of the Congress of Deputies (Lower House), but the text

was distributed today.

He quoted to the deputies the account given by Señor Maximo Cajal, the Ambassador. of the occupation, police assault and fire which resulted in 39 deaths in Guatemala City.

When against his expressed into the

wish the police broke into the embassy, the group which had taken over the building re-treated, with their hostages, to Señor Cajal's office, a room of about 23 square yards area. Señor Cajal stood near the door, as the police hacked at it with axes, and, with a pistol at his back, repeated his request that the police should desist. When the police broke down the door, one of the ex-tremists threw a petrol bomb

match on the floor, and the ambassador stamped it out. ther fire bomb at the police.

The ambassador then threw himself through the now open door, and rolled down the stairs in flames. Shot were fired from inside the burning room, but apparently not by the police.

The ambassador managed to extinguish his burning clothes, and was taken to the local police station and then to hospital.

The only other survivor who reached the hospital was one of the farm workers who had occupied the embassy. He was kidnapped from the hospital last Friday and his bullet-riddled body was later dumped on to the university campus. During the committee meeting, Senor Blas Pinar the leader of the right-wing New Force party, called for the creation of a committee to investigate whether Spain's embassies in

Central America were carrying out their real mission. His proposal was rejected,

and a Communist one, approving the Government's decision to break off diplomatic relations with Guatemala and expressing "concern about the persistence in Latin America of

Nureyev dispute prevents Paris ballet tour in US

aris, Feb 8
The planned month-long tour of the United States by France's leading dance company, the Paris Opera Ballet, has been called off. The principal reason has been the failure so far to find a way in which the dancers will accept Rudolf Nureyev as a guest star in the company.

The 154 dancers who make up the Opera Ballet have

become increasingly angry and militant in recent months. They consider themselves treated as second-class citizens by the Opera management even though every performance plays to audiences which average 103 per cent of the available

seating.
In the first instance, the dancers believe that ballet is put second to opera in the organized programme, with performances slotted in simply to fill the holes left when the opera season has been agreed. They are even more concerned that as dancers they take second place to imported They argue that the management is reactionary and not prepared to try new styles. and is unwilling to listen to their point of view about choreographers or suitable

trouble on most of these counts. For one thing the programme, to include Le Fantôme de

From Our Own Correspondent POpera, Sylvia and La Sylphide, was considered by the dancers too hackneyed. Worse, the in-clusion of Rudolf Nureyev seemed a prerequisite of the Afghan

Negotiations with the dancers had little success. Nureyev brought his own ballet, Manfred—a Byron biography to Tchaikovsky's music—to Paris last year and it was not a success. The ballet critic of Le Monde said it was "a monument to boredom in hideous sets and costumes". Manfred was to be

in the American tour. Nureyev, who had broken his metatarsus (bones in the foot) before the opening, left the main part to Jean Guizerix. Yet on the posters it was Nureyev's name which appeared in bold type, while all the French names were in the small print. This produced a clash of artistic personalities which ended in today's statement by the Metropolitan Opera in New York and the Kennedy Centre in Washington that because o

the uncertainties caused by the demands of the stars of the Opera, the tour planned for April to May, would have to be cancelled. In its statement, the Paris Opera said that its ballet stars

The proposed tour to the conditions of their individual United States was causing contracts as well as of their collective agreement, the pos-sibility fo rthe Opéra to call on invited artists.

Film showing police torture food price seized in Spain From Our Correspondent Madrid, Feb 8 rise of 15 pc Lisbon, Feb 8.—The Portuguese Government today fixed

Military authorities seized all available copies of a new Spanish film about a crime involving police torture, which has been selected to be shown in the Berlin Film Festival

The film. The Crime of Guenca tells the story of two men from the central Spanish province of Guenca, who in 1913 were sentenced to long prison terms for the murder of a shepherd, after being tortured into confessing by the paramilitary Civil Guard police. Thirteen years later, their "victim" turned up, safe and sound. The crime, as presented in the film, was more about the injustice done to them, than the non-existent murder.

Police, acting on orders from the military, confiscated copies of the film in Madrid, Barcelona, Seville and Bilbao this week. without giving any day to e reason, according to Senor tough at Alfredo Matas, the producer. Reuter.

Portugal fixes

new basic food prices at an average of about 15 per cent above last year's prices. Senor Basilio Horta, the

told a news conference that the new "shopping basket" list, compiled by the country's first right-wing Government since the 1974 revolution, would take effect with its publication in the Official Journal, perhaps on Monday.

The biggest increase is in the price of sugar which will go up by 25 per cent. The smallest increase was for pasteurised milk, which goes up by 10 per ceut. The price increases com-pare with 18 per cent last year, 23 per cent in 1977 and 22 per

Dr Francisco Sá Carneiro, the Prime Minister, is due to go on television and radio on Wednesday to explain his government's tough austerity programme.

Mayor loses fight against home for the handicapped

From Ian Murray Paris, Feb 8

Mr Georges Gabin, the 70year old bachelor mayor of Vestric-et-Candiac in the Gard has been stopped by the State Council from trying to close a holiday home for the handicapped in his beautiful village. The home was opened in 1973 League for the Aid of Cerebral Paralysis bought the little château which fronts on the Place Montcalm, just opposite the town hall. Since then it has been in regular use by groups of about a dozen handicapped children and young people, who have come for a formight's break in the south of France.

Increasingly, however, M Gabin and a few of the village's

503 inhabitants began to resent the colony and things came to a head when the village pump clogged up. M Gabin went to the administrative tribunal in Nimes to ask for the colony's licence to be withdrawn.

The village pump argument was the best one M Cabin had politically. Otherwise he argued that village children mak fright at the sight of the handicapped people and that pregnant women were badly affected whenever they saw them.

More significant, perhaps, was his argument that the municipal camp site figures had gone down by 2,000 to 3,000 a year since the colony was started, and that the price of property in the vicinity was falling.

M Gabin had some support on the local council, over which he has presided for the past 33 years. But some members were so angry at M Gabin's stand that they resigned, forcing by-elections which meant that the mayor no longer has a majority in his own council chamber.

The Nimes tribunal rejected M Gabin's request. He decided then to take the case to the State Council, which yesterday gave judgment in favour of the colony. Only for reasons of morals, safety, health or local welfare could the licence be

withdrawn, it ruled. ing of the IOC's eighty-second session tomorrow evening. Most of the villagers seem American position and urge the 75 members attending the scssion to take action. Mr Carter has given the Russians until February 20 to withdraw their troops from Afghanistan or he will implement the boycott.

IOC sources however were Chips on the understanding the scs-sion to take action. Mr Carter was saddened by Taiwan's basketball at Moscow, it was announced in Lagos just as Muhammad Ali, President Carter's envoy, left for Liberia. Brazil also announced it would be the sources however were chips on the understanding the scs-sion to take action. Mr Carter was saddened by Taiwan's basketball at Moscow, it was announced in Lagos just as Carter's envoy, left for Liberia. far from sad that their local council has lost its case before the State Council. M Jean-Louis Bogart, who runs the colony, says that he has fruitful cultural and sporting contacts with the local people and he is glad they will continue.





At the edge of a village near Kabul two amphibious troop carriers of the Soviet Army stand in position behind a snow-covered emplacement.

Moscow adds its most advanced weapons to Kabul arsenal

Kabul, Feb 8

OVERSEAS

The Soviet Union, which has The Soviet Union, which has continued its military build-up around Kabul with two Ilyushin 76 transport aircraft filled with military and civilian personnel, has brought some of its most sophisticated Afghanistan weapons

New self-propelled automatic anti-aircraft guns are being deployed around the capital, and many of the Soviet helicopter guiships now have complex night-sight equipment which enables bomb aimers to see in the dark The weight of Soviet armour

which is crossing the Amu

President

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Pakistan

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Chinese to intrude into our territory. These bandits are raping our women, killing our children, destroying our bridges,

roads and houses and creating

The Afghan President said

that seven groups of anti-revolutionary forces were

operating from Pakistan. They

had established 20 bases and 50 camps. "Bandits have been trained and equipped by Islama-bad, Peking and Washington."

Asked if he would support

the proposal that the United

States and the Soviet Union should now be asked to leave

"Why are you equating im-

perialist America with the peaceful and progressive Soviet Union? The black record of

America is clear from what it

did in Chile. Vietnam and else-where to subjugate the people.

On the other hand there is not a single example of Soviet

domination after the October revolution."

Mr Karmal said that he was

not opposed to a regional approach, or collective security.

"But the principles of Panch-sheel (accord) should apply to

any such arrangement so that there is no interference in each other's domestic affairs."

He did not favour General

Zia's proposal for creating a peacekeeping force of Indian, Pakistani and Iranian soldiers. "Who is General Zia? When a proposal like this comes from him, we think that the comes from th

him, we think that there must

be some ulterior motive. One should consider what is at the back of this. General Zia is so considerate about Afghanistan,

who does he not stop meddling in our affairs and sending ban-

Mr Karmal proposed a joint approach on the part of Russia,

India and Afghanistan. "We

have similar outlooks and our

politics are progressive. We bave no imperialistic designs

against anyone, unlike America

Asked when he had come to

Afghanistan from Czecho-

slovakia, where he was his

country's envoy, Mr Karmal

said that he reached Kabul

three months before the

January change. "I was working underground in Kabul and I.

along with my comrades, made

the recent revolution possible."

(This is generally contested

because Mr Karmal is said to

have reached Kabul on the morning of December 28.)

Lake Placid, Feb 8.—The first

official contact between the International Olympic Commit-

games boycott takes place here tomorrow when Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, meets Lord Killanin, the Presi-

The meeting will be "strictly private", it was said. Mr Vance is also to make the official

welcoming speech at the open-

dent of the IOC.

dits into our territory?"

and Britain.'

the region, his reply was:

Americans and

dented. Lorries fitted with multiple-round rocket launchers, the so-called Stalin Organs, are being moved to Kabul and the number of T72 tanks, the latest medium battle tanks in the Soviet arsenal, deployed here, has increased sharply in the past two days.

There are now 12 T72s on a five-mile section of the Salang Pass and several dozen more are parked on the northern footbills of the Hindu Kush near the village of Dushi. Around the centre of Kabul, where Soviet armour has rarely been seen in the past few

From Nicholas Ashford

A picture of intensive politi-

cal intimidation, especially in Rhodesia's three eastern pro-vinces, has been presented to Lord Soames, the Governor, by the British election supervisors

operating in the country's eight provinces. The supervisors have

apportioned most of the blame

to Mr Robert Mugabe's Zanu (PF) Party and its military wing, Zanla.

Lord Soames was given this report on the situation at a

neeting with the election super-

Salisbury, Feb 8

Darya river at two points and beading south across the Hindu tracked troop carriers can be Kush mountains is unprecedented. Lorries fitted with the control of the hulls to the underneath of the hulls the total to the underneath of the hulls the hulls the total to the underneath of the hulls t with mounted tracks for Sagar anti-tank missiles and include modifications enabling them to be amphibious.

Many of the new anti-aircraft vehicles have been placed in the snow near Kabul international airport. Tracked armoured carriers mounted with four heavy machine guns, they are fitted with radar and are self-contained anniaircraft Nate has nothing to match them The MI24 helicopter gunships

that have appeared over Kabul and Jalalabad are equipped

Gloomy view of Rhodesia coercion

parties in areas where violence and coercion are taking place.

The three worst affected provinces are, according to the supervisors, Mashonaland East,

Manicaland and Victoria In

Mashonaland East the Mudize.

Mtoko and Mrewa areas are reported to be "completely in the grip of Zanla".

It is virtually impossible for parties other than Zanu (PF)

to hold meetings there. Bishop Abel Muzorewa's United African

National Council (UANC) had to call off four out of five meet-

and give the aircraft a curious

contain television X-Ray apparatus which allows the co-pilot to receive clear pic-tures of the ground when it is dark Such equipment would be of obvious use in attacking or covious use in attacking insurgent positions in the mountains at night.

Strangest of all the new equipment in Kabul are the

large steel cylinders, perhaps 50ft long, mounted on the back of tank transporter lorries. They resemble the containers

Zanu (PF) was also reported in Victoria where Zanu (Sithole)

and Patriotic Front candidates have been abducted. There was

also some evidence of UANC

Commission today the leaders of the nine black parties con-

testing the election agreed to

sign a declaration to campaign peacefully and without intimi-

Britain accused: Black African foreign ministers meeting in

Addis Ababa today accused Lord Soames of trying to return Bishop Abel Muzorewa to power. An Organization of African Unity (OAU) spokesman

told reporters there was unani-mous condemnation of Britain during a closed debate on Rhodesia by the OAU council of

At a meeting of the Election

coercion.

dation.

carry ground-to-air missiles, although close inspection is not easy—suggests which that they are empty at present. and give the aircraft a cuttous

Appearance.

The domes are believed to
contain television X-Ray
appararus which allows the ar about 100,000 men—more than five divisions, each with a complement of more than 220

An East European diplomat let slip yesterday that it might take as many as 200,000 troops, to crush guerrilla resistance in Afghanistan, and even that might prove a conservative estimate Russian soldiers and equipment are still coming across the northern frontier.

countess on

drug charges

countess were among four

people who appeared in court here today on drug charges under which they face a minimum of five years' jail.

Sir William Brian Pigort-Brown, aged 39, of Windsor, Berks; Mr Esmond Cooper-Key,

aged 37, son of a former Con-servative MP; Countess Anna

Margaretta Wachtmeister, aged

their trial on March 7.

Cape Town, Feb 8

The ostensible purpose of our visit was to inspect the 56 Jewish-owned buildings in the centre abandoned in 1929, the year when the 200 Jewish families then living in Hebron fled of the centre abandoned in 1929, the year when the 1920 Jewish families then living in Hebron fled of the centre of t fled after a messacre in which 67 Jews were slaughtered. Some are still deserted and others occupied by Arabs. Baronet and

Gush Emunim, the group in the vanguard of settlement activity in the West Bank, has demanded that 26 families from Kiryat Arba should be allowed to move into the abandoned buildings, all of which are in streets now occupied exclusively by Arabs. A baronet and a Swedish

A number of politicians described the controversial plan as a "suitable Zionist response" to the killing. It is understood that the issue will be raised when the Cabinet meets on Sunday Mayor's campaign: Mr Fahd

Kawasma, the Arab mayor of Hebron, announced today that e will ask the Israeli Supreme Court to order the return to Arab ownership of the land near the city, on part of which Kiryat Arba is built. He said he would base his appeal on the successful case

31, daughter of the Swedish Ambassador to the United States; and a South African Miss Clair van Lingen, aged 31, are charged with having 70 of other Arab landowners, who had the settlement of Elon grams (about 2.5oz) of can-nabis and two grams of cocaine, and with dealing in cocaine. Moreh, near Nablus, evacuated and their land returned after a They were freed on bail until court ruling in their favour.-

ings because of intimidation In Manicaland it was estimated that half of the province visors in Salisbury today. The overall picture he has been presented with is a gloomy one, and must make him consider had been subjected to extensive intimidation, mainly by Lanu (PF) and Lanla However, the whether to use his new powers to combat intimidation. These situation in Umtali was satisallow him to prohibit political factory, as in most other u meetings, ban candidates from areas around the country. factory, as in most other urban

Pretoria counts the cost

From Ray Kennedy Cape Town, Feb 8

An indication of the enormous problems created by the South African Government's policy of Balkanizing the country into black homelands—now known is national states-has been disclosed in Parliament in Cape

Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Cooperation and Development, (Black Affairs), said today that it was estimated that about 5,250,000 additional jobs for blacks would have to be treated in the next 20 years. Tabling a report of the Cor-

poration for Economic Development he said it was unlikely that South Africa could mobilize sufficient capital domestically to create these jobs and extra foreign capital and investment were needed. He said 283 factories had

been established in the self-governing and independent homelands in cooperation with private enterprise. Last year 27 factories providing 4,095 jobs were set up. But 230,000 black workers were caming on to the market each year.

Sixteen new agricultural pro-jects had also been established last year in the homelands, which have few energy-saving rail links. Dr Koornhof said that the effect of petrol price rises on public transport could not be passed on to passengers problems.

He added that people tended

to think that the economic development of the homelands concerned only the homelands themselves and their citizens or was the sole responsibility of nounced here vesterday. the government. But the South All were men — 98 the government. But the South
African public also had a role
to play and it was essential that

All were men — 98 black,
33 Coloured and two white,
according to figures released the private sector became in-creasingly involved.

tee and a top United States go ahead with the games—UPI.

government official since President Carter's call for a Moscow games boycott takes place here

go ahead with the games—UPI.

John Hennessy writes: The medal winner, who enraged winter Olympic Games officials Hitler with his dazzling per-

heard in the court's appellate

division on Monday afternoon

Lord Killanin faces up to Mr Vance

of clearing homelands Earlier this week a Bill on consolidation of the homelands was published in Cape Town, making provision for areas of 19 districts in South Africa to be-come part of the Transkei, Bophuthatswana and Venda independent homelands.

The immediate effect of the Bill has been for Transkei, once the showpiece of the homeland idea, to ask if it could restore diplomatic relations with South Africa, which it severed in April, 1978.

The fact that it is running at a deficit this year of £20m, and had to renegotiate a £53m annual grant agreement with South Africa, might also have prompted the decision. Bophuthatswana is mented into six pieces of land

and Venda into two. Consolidation and the concept of Mr Pieter Botha, the Prime Minister, of a constella-tion of states go hand in hand. Mr Borha has said that no state can exist peacefully if its neighhours are impoverished and view it with envy.

Mr Hennie Van der Walt, MP, chairman of a commission investigating the consolidation, says: "We are not investigating mere boundaries but the overall economic potential within the boundaries as well.". The money to buy up the land needed has not yet been allowithout causing serious social cated but Mr van der Walt has estimated it could amount to Hangings total 113: Last year

133 people were hanged in South Africa, the greatest number since 1910, it was anin Parliament by Mr Louis le Grange, the Minister for Prison.

would be shattering for an

athlete to dedicate himself to

pessimistic that Mr Vance's that a formula be found for not

The committee is determined to Boycott opposed: Jesse Owens

have appealed against yester formances in the 1936 Berlin day's ruling by a State Supreme Olympics, declared that a boy-

Court judge which would allow cott of the Moscow games Taiwan to compete as the would be a mistake. Mr Owens, Republic of China and not as now 65, said: "World events

the Chinese Taipeh Olympic and politics should be kept Committee. The appeal will be apart from the Olympics. It

at Plantsburgh near here and a training and for someone decision is expected the same suddenly to say don't go to the

visit would change the impasse. ostracizing the Taiwanese.

Senators may seek action on Treasury chief From Frank Vogi

Washington, Feb 8

Several United States Senators mostly Republicans, are considering the appointment of a special Government prosecutor to investigate whether there is a basis for bringiny criminal charges against Mr William Miller, Secretary of the Treasury.

Today, the Secretary was questioned by members of the Senate banking committee. They involvement with bribery and other improper business practices by Textron Inc. the com-pany he was in charge of before joining the Government two years ago.

They also sought to determine whether Mr Miller had peen truthful about Textron's bribes at the time he was confirmed for public office in 1978 by the committee.

Commission has alleged that Textron spent \$5.4m (£25) in foreign bribes while Mr Miller was with the company, that he of expenses for Department of Defence officials, and that Mr Miller made misleading public statements about Textron's dealings.

At one point during today's hearing. Mr Miller said he hoped this whole affair would end swiftly and that the committee would no longer "continue to persecute me".

The Securities and Exchange

agreed to the destruction of documents concerning \$490,000

Israeli forces go on alert as tension rises in Beirut

on alert, there was shelling in south Lebanon and tension rose in Beirut, as Lebanons relations with its neighbours appeared to be approaching another turning point.

President Hafez Al-Assad of Syria announced at the weekend that he intended to with-draw the 20,000 Syrian troops from Lebanon. They have been instrumental in maintaining a balance that he prevented serious outbreaks of factional

for the withdrawal of the troops and has announced no deadline, the reaction of the Israelis and the increase in tension in Lebanon is indica-tive of the gravity of the situation. There is speculation that the redeployment might take place tomorrow. There are fears that a with-drawal of the Syrians or a re-

grouping in the Bekaa valley in east Lebanon could lead, again, to a serious outbreak of fighting in Beirut. That might, in turn, provoke the Israelis to provide overt assistance for the minority Christians. The Syrian President wants to see his forces replaced by the

reconstituted Lebanese Army, which has been restructured since the civil war to overcome the accusation that it was Christian dominated. Whether the army is yet ready to take Egypt.

over the role of peacekeeper in Israel yesterday put its forces Beirut is open to question. That role has been central to President Assad's policy since the end of the civil war in

After two days of talks with Lebanese leaders in Damescus earlier this week, during which they sought to dissuade the Syrian leader from his new policy, he said that he hoped the "regrouping operation" would not create difficulties but that he no longer wanted to see his troops playing the

strife in recent months.

Though President Assad What has prompted me has since postponed the date Syrians to plan a withdrawal is unclear but Mr Abdul Halim the Syrian Informa-Khaddam, the Syrian Informa-tion Minister, made it clear that the decision was made in consultation with the Soviet Union. There are three main reasons that could explain the Syrian тапоецуге. The first is that the Syrian President needs his troops at

home to contain what is said to be declining security. A number of Soviet advisers have been murdered in recent months. The second theory, and the one advanced by the Syriaus, is that they expect an attack by

Israel at any time, making use of the Bekaa valley. The third theory has it that the withdrawal, or threat of it, will distract attention from Afghanistan and threaten the American - sponsored peace

FBI investigating 80 bribery cases

New York, Feb 8 Mr William Webster, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, says that the bureau has 80 undercover

From Michael Leapman

operations under way similar to the much-publicized "Abscam" case involving allegations or bribes to congressmen. In an interview today in the New York Daily News, Mr Webster said that many of the investigations were due to bear fruit in the next two months. Since Mr Webster took over at the FBI two years ago, he has switched the focus of its operations. Its main tragets now are corrupt officials and financial swindles, rather than

the smaller, though more vio-lent, crimes with which it used to be associated. Morethan 50 of the 80 current inquiries are "long-term, sophisticated investigations". Mr Webster said. Some 1,200 public officials are having their conduct examined.

The Abscam case began two years ago when an informer told the FBI where they could find some valuable paintings With the enormous sums of pects stolen from a New York hotel, money to be made from phere.

An agent posed as an Arab shaikh wanting to buy the paintings and arrests were made. The informer then offered to talk about corrupt officials and the ERI desired. officials and the FBI decided to stick to the Arab disguise. The most original defence against charges of involvement

in the bribery case has come from Mr Richard Kelly, a Re-publican Congressman from Florida. He called a press conference in Washington yesterday to explain that he had accepted \$25,000 (£10,800) from undercover agents to further his own investigation of corrupt practices.

His motive, he said, was "to find out what these cats were up to." He has returned most of the money to the FBI.

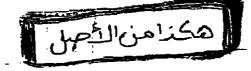
The fallout of the Abscam scandal is being felt in many scandal is being felt in many areas. In New Jersey, the allegation that at least one member of the Casino Control Commission accepted bribes has harmed the state's gambling industry, which has been in consistence for only two years. existence for only two years.

gambling, the state authorities went to some lengths, when in-troducing the legislation allowing casinos in Atlantic City, to ensure that they would be untainted by corrupt practices. The safeguards were clearly inadequate.

The affair has also led to increased sensitivity about corruption in other areas. It has created an atmosphere which encouraged an allegation this week that Mr George Bush, a Republican presidential con-tender, accepted dubious payments from a "slush fund" operated by President Nixon, when Mr Bush was running for Congress in 1970.

Mr Bush, campaigning in New Hampshire for the primary there this month, insists that he is "clean, clean, clean, clean, clean, clean, and that the payments violated no law in force at that

likely to harm Mr Bush's prospects in the present atmos-



will implement the boycott. genuine representatives of Brazil also announce IOC sources, however, were China on the understanding take part.—Reuter.

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Eerie silence

continue in

From Christopher Walker

Still under curfew eight days

after the murder of a young

Jewish settler the normally

bustling centre of this occupied

West Bank town was eerily

silent this morning as Israeli

Army squads continued their

With a small party of foreign

correspondents, I was unexpec-tedly permitted to enter the prohibited area after an argu-

ment between our driver-a

member of the extreme rightwing Gush Emunim group—and Israeli soldiers who, after a

radio call to base, reluctantly agreed to roll back the barbed wire barriers.

Within a few hundred yards, we came across an Israeli patrol which had just been stoned by

Palestinian Arabs concealed on

one of the many rooftops over-looking the narrow, twisting streets and alleyways.

The hostility from the Arab

residents was apparent both from the faces peering through narrow windows and the azgry

gestures made later when we drove up to Kiryat Arba, the

lewish settlement on the out-skirts. It was there that the murdered student, Mr Joshua Sloma, attended a religious college. Since his death, extra

troops have been moved in to

prevent revenge attacks against Hebron's 50,000 Arab popula-

raids on Arab houses.

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Hebron

Hebron, Feb 8

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Pake still in

Reshuffle of Vietnamese Cabinet brings victory to hardliners who support the Kremlin's policy

From Neil Kelly Bangkok, Feb 8

A sweeping reconstruction of the Hanoi Government was announced last night, but is not expected to produce important changes in Vietnam's foreign

policy.

An experienced observer said the changes were " a victory for the hardliners and the Soviet Union". Pacification of Kampuchea, hostility towards China and rigid application of Marxist. Leninist principles at home would continue.

Most of those promoted in the

Most of those promoted in the Government are technorats and rigid members of the second generation of Vietnamese Communists nurtured by veteran foundation members of the

At least some changes were obviously necessitated by age and poor health among Cabinet

The dominance of the conservative wing of the party is emphasized by the dismissal of Mr Le Thanh Nghi, the chair-man of the State Planning Commission and in effect in charge of the economy. Admittedly his four years in that post have been a disaster. This year, when according to his plans the counmy should be feeding itself— Vietnam must import at least two million tons of rice.

He has argued courageously in public that the huge defence budget and military commit-ments in Kampuchea have made it impossible to develop agri-

Dissidents call

election boycott

Warsaw, Feb 8 .- Polish dis-

sidents called today for a boy-

cott of next month's parliamen-

tary elections after rejection of their demands for a reform

of electoral law to allow oppo-

sition groups to field candi-

National Coordination Commit-

tee said it was calling on Poles

to abstain in the March 23 election on behalf of human

rights movements, free trade

unions, student activists and

Mr Wojciech Ziembinski, a

spokesman for the Coordination

Committee, sent a letter last

month to Mr Henryk Jabo-louski, Chairman of the Coun-

cil of State, demanding sub-stantial changes in the election

laws. Only candidates approved

by the Communist Party-con-

trolled National Unity Front

are permitted to contest the

statement to the press, the self-styled

for Polish

Western

church centres.

In one speech in December he singled out the plight of South Vietnamese peasants who, he said, had had enough of war, he said, had had enough of war. He was rebuked by General Vo Nguyen Giap, the Defence Minister, and legendary military commander in Vietnam's fight for independence.

for some time.

General Giap was leading a

presidency is another possi-bility.

Observers found the dismis-

sal of Mr Tranh Quoc Hoan, the

Minister of the Interior and for

police, as the most surprising of all the changes. They suspect it is a reference to official corruption which is still enabling Vietnamese to buy exit visas.

The new Minister of the In-

terior and chief of the secret police is Mr Pham Hung, who was Vietcong leader against the Americans. He is the only

South Vietnamese in the party

Shortly before the announce-

attack on the Vietnamese nego-

tiators, accusing them of hav-ing no intention of reaching agreement with China and

virtually inviting them to go.

It said that Vietnam

appears to be using the talks

to divert attention from its aggression in Kampuchea." Earlier, Mr Liem's delegation

released a statement saying

that their request to resume

the talks between Wednesday

and today was rejected on Monday by the Chinese. The

last meeting was held on

Talks aimed at improving

relations began in Hanoi in

lune and were moved to Peking

later that month. The key point

of disagreement is a Chinese demand that the Vietnamese

December 19.

ment of his departure, the New China news agency carried an

hierarchy.

years head of the secret

Only last weekend, Mr Le Duan, the secretary-general of the party, scathingly condemned Vietnam's economic performance. "Achievements were limited", he said, "by short-comings and weaknesses in the management of the economy." management of the economy," which "we were slow in redressing. Principles have not been fully observed."

fully observed."

Mr Nguyen Lam, who at 54
becomes the new economics minister, has been described as

minister, has been described as a real technocrat."

a real technocrat."

The long illness of Mr Nguyen duy Trinh, the Foreign Minister, made his replacement inevitable. His deputy, Mr Nguyen Co Thach who visibly her tenning foreign been running foreign affairs for the past year, takes over the portfolio.

Outwardly Mr Thach appears to be a moderate. He is convivial, multi-lingual and gets on well with foreigners, but recent statements in favour of Vietnamese actions in Kampuchea and of Soviet actions in Afghanistan show him to be in line with official policy.

The reconstruction leaves General Giap, one of nine

for Hanoi today, signalling the collapse of the eight-mouth-old

The departure of Mr Dinh

Nho Liem, the Deputy Foreign

Minister, came after the Viet-namese Embassy in Peking announced that China had

again refused to resume the

talks aimed at avoiding another

The rupture of the talks

China and Vietnam to their

lowest level since the unde-

clared war fought across Viet-

nam's five northern provinces

The New China news agency

renorted the Liem's departure

in a brief, six-line dispatch. It

said that he was seen off at the airport by Mr Yang

Gongsu, deputy chief of the

relations between

outbreak of fighting.

in February last year.

Chinese delegation.

negotiations.

brought

Hanoi negotiator leaves

Peking as talks collapse

chief delegate to the peace Moscow, talks with China left Peking Shortly

Peking, Feb 8 .- Vietnam's travelling to Hanoi by way of

editor is arrested, then freed Deputy Prime Ministers, in a dubious position, General Van Tien Dung who replaces him as Delence Minister, at 62 is five years younger. He has been in charge of the day to day business of the defence department for some time. From Charles Harrison Noirobi, Feb 8

Ugandan

Ugandan police today arrested Mr Roland Kakoza, editor of the independent newspaper The Economy, at his office in Kampala. Members of his scaff said the police had ordered The party delegation to Poland when the government changes were announced. He has been named repeatedly to succeed Mr Phan Van Dong, the Prime Minister, who is said to be too frail now to travel. His elevation to the presidency is said to provide the presidency. Economy and two other newspapers, The Citizen and Ngabo, to close. Mr Kakoza was later released.

Mr Ben Bella Ilakut, the editor of the Governmentowned newspaper Uganda
Times who was arrested last
month, is still in detention despite protests by Ugandan jourpalists and a promise by Mr Paulo Muwanga, the Internal Affairs Minister, that he would be free soon.

All the incidents are under-stood to be connected with reports of clashes between Tanzanian troops and villagers at Kajansi, near Kampala, last month. Three soldiers were killed, but the Ugandan authorities denied newspaper reports that several civilians were killed in reprisels by the Tanzanian troops.

The Uganda Law Society has expressed opposition to a Bill introduced in the interim par-liament, the National Consultative Council, this week to establish "humane rights people who were members of former President Amin's security and rights

The Law Society condemns the proposal to make member-ship of those forces a crime with retroactive effect to 1971, when Amin seized power. But Mr Stephen Ariko, the Minister of Justice, defended the proposal when he told the council that it was wrong to allow people-to escape punishment for crimes against humanity.

He said most of the Amin organizations involved worked clandestinely and their records had been destroyed. It was not possible to bring charges under normal legal procedures. The new courts would have a bench containing at least one legally coulified personnel. qualified person and up to four others.

The Ugandan Government says it will not allow the restoration of the hereditary kingdoms of Buganda, Ankole, Toro and Bunyoro which were abolished in 1967.

In a statement, Mr Picho Okiny, the Minister of Information, said approaches had been made seeking return of the former royal property, but the Handa Marianal Tiberties the Uganda National Liberation Front would not agree to a restoration of the kingdoms.



The Kurdish spiritual leader, Shaikh Ezzedoin Hosseini,

Embassy students deny hostages will soon be free

today accused rumour mongers of spreading reports that the release of their American hostages was imminent.

A student spokesman said that if there was any foundation to the rumours it could only mean the United States was about to force the extradition from Panama of the deposed Shah

He said: "If the United
States is about to release the Shah, then the release of the hostages is imminent. The extradition of the Shah will lead

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Tehran, Feb 8.—Students who have occupied the United States been changed."

Embassy in Tehran for 97 days

He added: "We done know precisely who is rumoumon-

gering. Meanwhile the Greek Catholic Archbishop of Jerusalem, Mgr Hilarion Capucci, was allowed to visit the hostages and said they were in a good condition, according to a radio broadcast. Ayatoliah weak: The Ayatoliah Khomeini left his hospital bed today to greet several hundred foreign guests invited to Iran to celebrate the first anniversary of the revolution. He appeared weak and sometimes. spoke barely above a whisper.-

Labour joins protest over Cassidy affair

By David Watts

"The Government's decision torestore the British Ambassador'
spokesman on foreign affairs,
yesterday joined those protesting against what human rights
activists say is a cynical attempt
by the Government to justify
the history of the events that
led us to withdraw our ambass,
restoring full diplomatic relasection in the first instance.

ing against what human rights activists say is a cynical attempt by the Government to justify restoring full diplomatic relations with Chile.

Mr Shore said it was a disgrace that the Government should now take a neutral stance on Dr Sheila Cassidy's assertion, made in 1975, that she was tortured by Chilean secret police. He demanded that the decision to send an ambassador to Santiago be reconsidered.

Britain's ambassador was

Britain's ambassador was withdrawn in 1975 after Dr Cassidy said that she had been tortured while in detention. Last month Britain said that it was restoring full diplomatic was restoring run diplomatic relations with Santiago. The decision caused controversy because one of the justifications was that human rights in Chile had improved recently. That is not a conclusion shared by the United States Government of American Livernstinal by the United States Govern-ment or Amnesty International. Earlier this week Mr Nicholas Ridley, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, was quoted as saying that Dr Cassidy "might have been mistaken" about her treatment. In 1975, the Foreign Office accepted the detailed

treatment. On Thursday, a Foreign Offfice spokesman sought to change what he said had been an inaccurate interpretation of the remarks attributed to the minister. He said the Foreign

or of Dr Cassidy.

The Chilean Government plainly believes that Dr Cassidy, and by implication, the then British Government were instruments of Soviet imperialism, determined to maintain Chile in political and economic isolation", according to a commen-tary broadcast on Chilean radio n lanaury 20. misleading publicity may have Mr Shore said yesterday: caused Dr Cassidy herself.

tory political moves. New

Zealand last month expelled

Mr Sergei Zimin, of the Soviet

Novosti press Agency, as one

of a number of sanctions against the Soviet Union in pro-

test at its intervention

Afghanistan, Reuter.

Dr Cassidy said electric shocks were applied to her sexual organs and she was threatened with rape. Foreign Office explains: Later account that she gave of her a Foreign Office spokesman said: "There is, of course, no question of a rewriting of history. As had already been made clear, we do not in any way doubt the veracity of Dr

sador in the first instance . . .

"Nobody has previously questioned the veracity of Dr Sheila Cassidy's account of what happened to her or the detailed statement she made to the

Foreign Office on her return to

Dr Cassidy, who was arrested by the Chileans for giving medi-

cal treatment to an anti-govern-

ment militant, is now a novice

nun. Through a group working on behalf of Chilean political prisoners, Dr Cassidy ler it be

known yesterday that she stood

There were no other witnesses

to her treatment, she said, be-cause she had been held incom-municado for five days at the time she was tortured. On the

sixth day, when the marks of the torture had disappeared, the British consul saw her in the

office of the prison commander.

London.

by her account.

Cassidy's account. Office position was that it was now impossible to establish occupy a position of neutrality which was the more accurate on it. The fact is, however, that version of events, that of Chile while we ourselves accept Dr "Nor are we seeking to on it. The fact is, however, that while we ourselves accept Dr Cassidy's account we have been unable to obtain the Chilean-

Government's acceptance of it: "The Chileans know that we remain dissatisfied with the lack of a full and proper explanation and our Ambassador will be taking it up with them. It goes without saying that we regret-any distress which the present-

Head of Reuters | Joy Adamson attacks expulsion | murder charge

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> last month. Police are understood to be looking for others believed involved in the murder of Mrs Adamson whose Born Free books gained her worldwide

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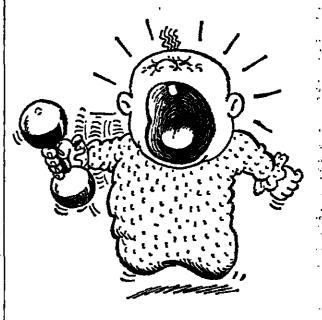
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The path to the Nile

Richard Hall

Samuel Baker, well-to-do author and sportsman, decided to escape from the rigidities of mid-Victorian life by joining the search for the Sources of the Nile. As a prelude to Africa, be made a journey down the Boundary of the Sources of the Nile.

prelude to Africa, he made a journey down
the Danube and chanced upon a slave
auction at Vidin, a fortified Turkish city,
There Baker saw a young, fair-haired girl being
offered for sale, and rescued her by making
the winning bid.

Florence Sass, aged seventeen, was a
German-speaking orphan from Transylvania,
whose family had been wiped out in a
revolutionary uprising. She became Baker's
mistress; he was more than twice her age and
kept his liaison a complete secret from his
family at home in England.

After travelling through Egypt, Sam and
Florence spent a year elephant-hunting along
the borders of Abyssinia. She soon proved
herself an ideal companion in adventure. By
the middle of 1863 they had pushed south,
more than a thousand miles beyond Khartum,
into what is now northern Uganda. Surviving
all manner of hazards, they became resolved
to reach a mysterious equatorial lake called
the Luta Nzige, close to the Mountains of
the Moon.

Florence grown used to camp life, the heat, stink and animals slaughtered, skinned, eviscerated and cut up, malcontents being beaten. She found little scope for privacy.

When they were on the march, she dressed in loosely cut breeches and kneelength gaiters. Unlike Sam, who left his massive arms bare almost to the shoulders, she wore a long-sleeved blouse, belted at the waist. Both of them were heavily tanned, which only made more striking their blue eyes and fair hair, a constant source of wonderment to African tribesmen. The villagers were acquainted with the Arabs-who because they were merely brown were called "white men". To prove that the colour of his face was deceptive, that he was a "very white man", Sam would take off his shirt; it was a sporting gesture that evoked yells of

Quite often. Forence in her breeches and gaiters was assumed to be the young son of Sam. Once they were surrounded by a crowd of several hundred Africans who imagined they were "Turks" looking for ivory or slaves. A hunchback who knew some Arabic acted as interpreter and Florence. Sam explained that she was his wife. "Your wife! What a lie! He is a boy!" The more Sam insisted, the louder the hunchback responded. "Katab!"—"What a

Usually, when a chief came to see them, Florence would uppack a dress and change into it, and Sam would wear a light silk jacket. To add ceremony to the occasion, a Persian carpet was laid out on the floor of the tent.

One day, Sam decided to try a different effect. He brought out his Righland costume—an Atholl kilt, sporran, socks and bonnet. When he had put it on, he stuck several ostrich feathers in the bonnet for good measure. Sam noted with satisfaction that the visiting "naked as he was looked completely

Among the Obbo tribe, good lations were established with was a splendid musicing played upon an eightstringed guitar for the new-comers during his first visit to them. They thought it the sweetest melody they had heard anywhere in Africa. Katchiba was a great humorist as well, and despite his years would dance and perform a variety of antics at the least provocation. He was also owned as a rainmaker and because the rains seemed to be stopping early, and the land drying up, was at that moment being pressed by his people to bring on a deluge.

Rather anxiously, Katchiba discussed the demand with Sam through an interpreter and at last decided to blow four blasts on his reinmaking whistle. In search of supple-mentary magic, he asked pleadingly whether used whistles. whether the white man

This gave Sam a chance to show off one of his talents: he put his fingers in his mouth and produced the ear-splitting sound that he used, when huntthem, there was a thunder-11 storm four days later.

Among the gifts which delighted Katchiba was the last of the expedition's teacups, a un plate and a pair of green goggles. He was also entranced by a card covered in shirt but-tons, to which Florence attached a string so that he might wear it around his neck. But there was one object in the tent that Katchiba coveted most of all—the chamber-pet. which had survived so many vicissitudes. He explained that it would be a splendid receptacle for serving meals on important occasions. Sam replied that it was a "sacred vessel" which had to accompany him chiba politely withdrew his request.

to entertain all comers, was could go to look for the lake, sketching. He was good at but the white woman must stay making instant likenesses, and free. One day he drew a girl however, to hand over several with three breasts—"A regular, wives of his own in exchange. screamer, as the Yankees This proposition was to come would say."

elephants were ravaging the plies, gifts were yielded up to then twelve Arab guards. The so he put a rag into her mouth gardens around the village, him one by one: a Persian Arabs were by now totally and dripped water on to it to Sam volunteered to try and carpet, 15ft square, a double sceptical about the lake and moisten her mouth. As the shoot some. It was impossible barrelled rifle, shoes, a Kashto follow the elephants into their hiding places by day, because the grass was too high, so he decided to dig a gravelike trench in the gardens and ful of necklaces and bracelets. wait there with his most mas-sive gun, the "Baby".

huge herd rampaging in the gardens, but everything was too their assurances that nothing to their ankles, and Sam began possible to stay there. Florence was well rose high from the countries indistinct for a shot. He held for him was left, he made the journey, urging Florence was placed once again on the could not helt, because it was enough to be carried, the shore and through his tele-carried from his book Lovers his fire, until one elephont came them unpack their portman to keep close behind him. The angarep and the procession on the extreme borders of cavalcade moved on again. It scope Baker could see water on the Nile, which will he lumbering to within 12 paces of reaux—where what Sam bit natural bridge was only eighty wound on to the next village. Buganda and King Mutesa's was travelling along the top of falls cascading down them. He published his Collins on February 25th at 17.95.

animal would turn and give him a chance to shoot at the shoul-der. He fired. The gun flashed and roared in the night and he heard the elephant fall. But was it dead? sam sensed that his position was too dangerous to make a move, so he felt he must wait until dawn.

As the light began to grow and the first birds sang, he saw Florence coming down the path from the village, leading men armed with axes and knives. She had beard the gun and was bringing a party to cart in the bringing a party to cut up the anticipated carcase. But the elephant was not yet quite dead-it had got to its feet and was standing among the tall grass. As its human adversaries moved closer there was a thud: it had crumpled heavily to the ground and died. Before allowing it to be cut up, Sam sent for his tape measure. The bull was 10 ft 6} inches from foot to shoulder, and one of the tusks was 6 ft 6 inches long.

As the rains dragged on, Sam and Florence suffered more and more from malaria. It became a struggle to do the most simple jobs around the camp—mending the tent or their clothes, boiling down fat to make soap, or "tin-kering", to make rings and bracelets that could be used as presents.

With brief interludes, the end of 1863 passed by in a haze. old chief called Katchiba. than Florence; on December was a splendid musicing 27 he wrote "I have fever again ", ead against each of the four next days there is just a single-word entry: "Fever." single-word entry: "Fever."
But with the New Year came drier weather and the chance to move south Sain took one of the few remaining doses of quinine in the medicine chest, so that he would be strong enough to mount a riding ox. Soon the expedition was at a

latitude well beyond any point reached before by Europeans coming from the north. The only people who had preceded them were a few bands of Arab marauders, making tentative probes towards a group of powerful African kingdoms, about which they knew no more than the rumours picked

But finally Baker was able

to write with pride in his diary on January 22: "Marched 6h 40m, reaching the Somerset ney, owing to the delays of of Kamrasi", wrote Baker angrass, streams and deep grily. "I trust I nave seen the ney, owing to the delays of of Kamrasi", wrote Baker angrass, streams and deep grily. "On arrival in the capital asked the king river, or Victoria White Nile. I ting in Scotland, to call his the forest these obstacles were hounds. Luckily for both of not so numerous. Many tracks

of elephants, rhinoceros and buffaloes: but we saw nothing. Halted eighty feet above the river; altitude above sea-level, by observation, 3.864ft." Beyond the opposite bank.

now shrouded in mist, lay the capital of King Kamrasi, only a few marches distant. On him their fortunes rested, for some how he must be bribed and flattered into letting them make the journey to the south-west, towards where the Luta N'<u>zige lake was said</u> to lie.

They crossed the river in dugout canoes and prepared to meet Kamrasi. He would surely unwrap the final mystery: how far was it to the lake? King Kamrasi proved to be a

features. The king also had, An activity in which Sam in Baker's view, quite peculiar. was always willing to engage, ideas. Yes, the white man behind. Kamrasi wanted her to make the trip, if they could was nothing more to be done enjoyed letting his fancy run for his wife. He was ready, survive it.

> mir shawl, several pairs of socks, the yellow muslin hand

wait there with his most massive gun, the "Baby".

In the middle of the night, he visitors in muddy huts in a as you did not pause too long brain".

The most mas
a grudging host, keeping his thick, acted as a bridge, as long to bave congestion of the long hear from the trench the most middle swamp outside in as you did not pause too long brain". mosquito-ridden swamp outside in any one spot. The porters his capital. Suspicious about ran swiftly across, sinking up village, so he knew it was imtheir assurances that nothing to their ankles, and Sam began possible to stay there. Florence



was revealed as no more than [

So now Kamrasi wanted Florence. At this, Sam took out a revolver, strode over to the startled king and put the gun 3ft from his chest. Weak with fever, yet wild with rage, he told Kamrasi that he would shoot him there and then if the demand were repeated. Florence also jumped up and belaboured the king in Arabic (which he did not under-stand), with an expression Sam thought was about as amiable as Medusa's head. Finally, their woman interpreter, who knew Kamrasi's language but came from a hostile tribe, added her voice to the altercation.

requests. He funcied the kill i tree. which Sam had worn to impress him, and his compass. He might simply have fainted, and soon found that Baker would give him nothing else-relations petween them were now distinctly icv.

the Bakers had asked the king what was left in a medicine the sun and exhaustion.

chest left behind by the Most of the porters were explorer John Speke. Nothing, now further ahead on the path, was the reply—everything was swallowed. It seemed almost like a death-knell, for the last hope of obtaining any quining for the final stage of the jour-

ney was now gone. Baker wrote: "After all my toil I am done. With quining I could risk anything, another year in this hell . . . But without it, death was a "simple certainty". As an afterthought he scrawled: "My own for Florence: but she scorned lay like a corpse. any thought of turning back.

Kamrasi was aware of the risks they would take by setlarge man, whose protuberant ting off for the Luta N'zige. angarep. Then the procession

> were almost resigned to being night wore on she never led to their deaths.

One day in early March the

way over when he turned to see how Florence was coping torted and purple. Her legs were gradually sinking through the reeds. At the instant he saw her she began to double up and fall, "as though shot

Sam strode back over the weeds, took hold of her seemingly lifeless body, then shouted for help. With several ingly of his men he dragged her across the surface, keeping her head just over the water: if they had tried to carry her, despite the lightness of her weight, all would have sunk through the weeds and become Realizing that he was step- trapped. When they were on ping beyond the mark, Kam- solid ground, Sam picked her up rasi switched to more mundane and walked to the shade of a

might simply have fainted, and Sam bathed her forebead with water. But it was something more—her hands were tightly clenched, and so were her and staring. She was in the | some throes of a seizure, caused by

so Sam ordered Saat to run forward and find an angarep (a portable wooden bedstead) on which she might be carried to the next village. Saat was also told to bring back a bag with clothes, because Florence had become soaked from head to foot while being dragged through the water. While he waited, Sam put his hand in-side her shirt and massaged men would burn journals and rubbed her feet. But nothing steal my guns." He trembled would make her respond. She

When Saat returned, Sam put new clothes on her and she was lifted on to the "Go if you wish, but don't moved forwards with funereal blame me if you can't get slowness. As they walked, he back", he told them. "It is put his hand under her head twenty days, you may believe and held it high, for the it as you like." So now they sounds in her throat showed knew how long it would take that she might choke. There until they reached a village. screamer, as the Yankees This proposition was to come would say."

The Bakers spent months Kamrasi's clutches. From their Richarn, next two slave between her teeth. He saw that with Katchiba, and once when dwindling reservoir of supplies, gifts were yielded with the piles, gifts were yielded wit

moved. By morning, Florence was: kerchief Florence wore on her travellers came to a swamp, its unchanged. Sam counted her head, then handful after handful of necklaces and bracelets. layer of water-grass and plants, about five times a minute. In

hills. through streams, amid fields of ripenwild ing sugar cane, across parkland and among the papyrus of the marshes. The high papyrus seemed to wave

above the expedition like the

plumes over a hearse.

They reached a small village where there was little to eat, some guinea-fowl, before his men to put a new handle returning to his vigil. Florence on the pickaxe and to look for still did not move, as she lay a place to dig the grave. Then in the light of candles made from balls of fat and pieces of went to sleep, at the last noise rag. It was now more than five to of carbon and the last noise to did the grave. teeth, but her eyes were wide so Sam went out and shot years that he and Florence had been together, but at the In later years, Florence moment when their love was would relate how she returned

sound, except the crying of halted. There was almost

went to he entrance of the hut recount fully . the story of to breathe in the morning air. Florence's escape from death, While he stood there he sud his diary entries at the time

Sam rushed over to look at her. she was conscious, but delirious. Florence was to romain in that strae for several days, often having violent converges to the delirium." vulsions. But the expedition When Florence was

lages, most of which Florence grouned and cried on the angarep. One evening, when they came to a village, it seemed certain that she would

went to sleep, at the last point of exhaustion. There was nothing to be done. moment when their love was about to culminate in triumph, it seemed as though her death would snatch everything away. He wrote bitterly: "Is so terrible a sacrifice to be the result of my selfish exile?"

Once more the dawn broke and the murch was renewed. Sam walked mechanically with the litter, watching for any change in Florence's condition. Hic had not slept, but was past feeling fatigue. The country, side was unchanging and the

side was unchanging and the like marble. But then he saw lake-which now seemed so her breast rising and falling unimportant—was by all steadily—the agonized moveunimportant—was by all steadily—the agonized move-accounts some long distance ments of her recent days were away. As the night came on, gone. At that moment her eyes Sam prepered himself again, opened briefly and she stared

nothing to be bought except Suddenly he heard the sound eggs, and from these Sam hyenas, the scavengers of made a soup that Florence was of hyenas, the scavengers of Africa. If Florence were to be buried here, her grave would perilously weak, and entirely not be untroubled. These thoughts drifted through his fevered mind as he placed wer cloths on Florence's forehead.

As Africa. If Florence was still perilously weak, and entirely been unconscious since collapsing in the swamp; but her mind was fully restored.

Although later Sam was to As the down broke red he Although later Sam was to

his diary entries at the time denly heard a voice behind were terse and factual. For him. She murmured sofuly: March 4, 1864, the day when "Mein Gott". the crisis passed, he only silver, wrote: "Marched, five hours grand

deserted. There was no food. to the west were the outlines he should lead his men in the forests, searches were made seemed that these would have travelled through the seemed that these would have tradition of Old England. But for honey. Sam worked on to be crossed before the Luta when it came to it, he could dazedly and feverish, while Nzige lake was reached. This was a daunting thought, for feet, and the mountains seemed decidedly more than

that. Perhaps the stories that the lake was six months' journey away were true after all: Kamrasi had said twenty days, but nothing from him could be relied upon. It was impossible

that the mountains were on over rough grass, to the lake's the jar side of the lake: if edge. they started early in the morning, they could wash in the in lake before midday. (In fact, mo Parkani was not the name of wh

responded by taking the lead at a swinging pace. Florence in the breeze of the lake.

was still being borne on an angarep and Baker, fighting back his fever, was astride the lakeside, its last riding ox. Their followers ing sun. He later recalled: "I struggled along in the rear. struggled along in the rear. After the sun had risen they

of a mile below them was the drank deeply from the Sources lake. "The glory of our prize of the Nile." He knew that at burst suddenly the latest than the suddenly than the suddenly the suddenl burst suddenly upon me! last, at the age of forty-two, he There, like a sea of quick was something more than just grand expanse of water..." It seemed that it stretched name as an African explorered endicessly away to the south would now stand alongside and west and was at least those of Livingstone, Speke, 50 miles wide. The mountains rose high from the opposite Richard Hall has adapted this

stood sixteen miles wide. Far away should reach the Luta N'zige

Sam and Florence just stood the expedition was journeying and stared. Their followers at a height of almost 4,000 clustered around them, poured clustered around them, poured out excited comments. Two o the Arabs who had been to Alexandria and seen the Mediterraneau—now more than three thousand miles away said the lake was just like the sea.

relied upon. It was impossible to gain precise information. The path to the water was from local guides, who made a steep and twisting. It could only be tackled on foot, so retish of secrecy.

Florence took a large stick in One day they reached a vil- one hand and rested the other one day they reached Sam on Sam's shoulder. Every understood to be called Partitiventy paces she was forced to have and recover her strength. at hand, although Baker could were beneath the rocky grante barely hide his mistrust, for face and came to a wide sandy the tall mountains still lay plain. It was still more than a head. Then his guide revealed mile through trees and shrubs. mile through trees and shrubs,

Florence followed Sam, who the exultation of the moment was striding the village—it was a word the shore. She had prepared in the shore. She had prepared in the shore way for this moment: cam prepared himself again, opened briefly and she stared. That night, Baker could the own way for this moment: dropping water into her up at Sam with a clear calm scarcely sleep for excitement, ness he never thought to see and he aroused the whole with the red, white and green light; outside there was no sound, except the crying of halred. These separation guide was promised to the colours of Hangare No. and he aroused the whole expedition before dawn. The guide was promised two precious handfuls of beads if they branch of a bush near the were truly going to stand water's edge. The symbol of beside the lake that day; he the country to which she would never return fluttered

rushed into the lake, and thirsty with heat and fatigue, chimbed a hill-and a quarter; with a heart full of gratitude, I

lay far beneath the a sporting gentleman and expanse of water..." It after dinner reconteur. His Grant and Burton.

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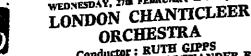
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	7.30 p.m. Sunday 10 Feb.	Bird About Town Ait: All SEAIS SOLD: Eve: £1 (ALL OTHERS SOLD) RSPB LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Claudio Abbado (conductor: measuras Pellini (piano) Beathoven Plano Concerto No. 5:
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	Sunday 10 Feb 7.30 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Riccardo Mui (conductor: Salvaiore Accardo (violin) Synhomy No. 4. Symphony No. 4. LO.D. LS. 70, E3.40, E5.20 (ALL OTHERS SOLD) Philharmonia Lid
	Monday 11 Feb 5.55 p.m.	CONCERT PLATFORM IRFII Waterioo Room: Fifth in a series of Laiks arranged in collaboration with Moricy College, Paul Steinliz on Buch's Mass in B minor to be performed later in the evening. The Laik will be followed by informal discussion. The Laik will be followed by informal discussion. Royal Festivat Hall
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	Tuesday 12 Feb 8 p.m.	Eduardo Maia (conductor) John Williams (guitar) Ravel Alborada del gracioso (ploase note chango), Rodrigo Concierto da Aranjuer: Shostakevich Symphony No. 5 24.50, 25.50, 26.50 (ALL CINERS SOLD) LSO Lid
	Wednesday 13 Feb 5.55 p.m.	NICOLAS KYNASTON (10793n) Back Fantasi, & Fugue in A minor, RWV 501; Fogue in G minor, BWV 578; Franck Choral No. 2 in S minor; List/Reger St Francis de Paul marchant sur les flots, Dupré Symphony No. 2, Op. 26. Royal Festival Hall
ļ	Wednesday 13 Feb 8 p.m.	SBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA BBC Singers (mair voices) Michael Gleion (cond., Elizabeth Conneil, Michael Geldsborpe, Thomas Herndon, Philip Langridge Barry Mera, Gerter Frich, David Wilson-Johason, David Thomas, Mark Wildman, Stasoni Doktor Fauel, 121, 20, 12, 10, 12, 10, 12, 10, 12, 10, 12, 10, 12, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10
	Thursday 14 Feb 8 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Riccardo Mail (conductor) Carl Pini (violin) Vivaldi The Four Scasons: Beelheven Symphony No. 6 (Pastoral), ALL SEATS SOLD Philharmonia Ltd.
_	Friday 15 Feb 8 p.m.	THE BACH CHOIR Philharmonia Orchestra Sir David Willocks (cond) Teresa Cahili (sop) Anne Collins (cont) Kenneth Bowen (tenor) Ian Caddy (bass) Somen Preston (organ) Koddly Te Deum: Poulenc Organ Concerto: Jansicek (lizgo
	Salurday 1G Feb 8 p.m.	PHILMARMONIA ORCHESTRA Henry Krigs (conductor Malcolm Binns (pigng) Henry Krigs (conductor Fibalia Cave: Hendel Suite. The Water Henry Krigs (conductor Fibalia Cave: Hendel Suite. The Water Henry Krigs (conductor) 12.76, 23.00, 23.75, 24.25, 74.75 (ONLY) Raymond Gubbay Lid
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	Sunday 17 Feb 7.30 p.m.	LONDON SYMPHONY UNCHEDINA Eduards Mata (conductor) Brans-Leonards Gelber (plano) (please note change of soloist) Glinks Overture, Russian and Ludmilia (please note change); Rachmaninay Piano Concerto No 3: Dyestik Symphony No. 7 95 00 62 70 63 00 65 00 111. OTHERS SUD 1 ISO Ltd
-	Monday 18 Feb 8 p.m.	in the presence of MRM The Duke of Kent ROYAL CHORAL SOCIETY, London Mozari, Playori, Mozalih Davies, Icondo Jane Mannise, Helon Watts, Anthony Rolle Johnson, Richard Morton, David Wijson-Johnson, Malcolm King Bach St John Passion. 11.10. 12.10. 15.00. 63.70. 14.40. 65.20 Royal Choral Society
	Tuesday 19 Feb 8 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC UNUMESTRA, Walter Welfer (conductor) Janet Baker (mozzo-sporano) Robert Tear (tenor) Schubert Symphony No. 5: Mahler Das Jief von der Erde, Gl. 30, ES, 00, ES, 70, E4, 40, ES, 20 (ONLY) RPO Lid
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-	20 Feb 8 p.m.	BBC SYMPHONY UKUHESIRA, Michael Gieles (cond) Karin Ott, Sarah Walker, Philip Langringe, Stephen Roberts, Karineinz Denasor Mezart Soronade in C minor, K588; Gleien Pentapholie (Fin Tag Litt horvor: (1st Brillsh ter): Mahler Symphony No. 4.
	Thursday 21 Feb 8 p.m.	LONDON PHILIARMUNIC ORCHESTRA Andrew Davis (conductor), Janina Fialkowska (plano) Janacek Tahas Bulba: Mozart Plano Concerto in C minor, K. 491: Schumann Symphony No. 2. 21.40, £3.10, £3.00, £3.70, £4.40, £5.20 LPO Ltd
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Sunday 10 Feb 7.15 p.m.	CHRISTIANE EDINGER (violin) GERHARD PUCHELT (plano) Schubert Sonata in A. D.574; Each Sobela in C for unaccompanied violin, BWV, 1005; Webern 4 Picces, Op. 7; Prokoffey Sonata No. 2 in D. Op. 548. 21.00, 21.50, 21.75, £2.20, £2.50. De Koos Concort Mamil
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Thursday 14 Feb 7.45 p.m.	DANIEL WAYENSERG (plane) Brahms & Plano Pieces (Dr. 76: 3 Rhapsodies, Op. 79: 5 Interneyd, Op. 117: 4 Rhapsodies, Op. 79: 5 Interneyd, Op. 117: 5 Variations & Fugue on a Theme by Handel. 5 L. 00, 81.50, 81.75, 81.30, 82.50 De Koos Concert Mgmt
Friday 15 Feb 7.45 p.m.	THAMES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Michael Debsoe (cond) & Asis Samuel Barber 70th Birthday Concert Mezart Divertimento in B flat. K.137; Violin Conc in G. K.216; Symphony No. 29; Barber Capricorn Concerto: Adapto for Arrives.
Saturday 16 Feb 7.45 p.m.	LONDON BACH SOCIETY Steinitz Bach Players, Paul Steinitz 10nd; & sisis Bach Camalas Not 46 & 81: Concreto for 2 violins: Mexart Regina Coeli: Schätz Paalm 122: Mein Sohn. warum basi du uns dis getab 7.00. £2.00. £5.00 Steinitz Bach Players £1.00. £1.60. £2.00.
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Monday 18 Feb 7.45 p.m.	IVAN THE TERRIBLE (U) Yar) VIZUMOTOV & RAZZIE BOSSMOTNOVA in a colour lim of the ballet with music by Proko/lev & choreo- graphy by Yuri Grigorovich. Pips MORNING SPIDER (U).
Tuesday 19 Feb 7.45 p.m.	YMSO CHAMBER URUHENIRA James Blair (cond. Nigel Kennedy (vin Eadellien & Hanson Siring Quartotis Bach Vin Conc in E. BWV 1042; Ravel String Quartot in F. Schwbert String Quartot in A minor. D.804; Haydn Symphony No 104 (London). YMSO Sec £1.00, £1.60, £1.10, £2.70, £5.20
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Thursday 21 Feb 7.45 p.m.	RUDOLF FIRKUSNY (plano, flat; Schubert 4 impromptus, D.935; Hayda Sonata No 49 in E flat; Schubert 4 impromptus, D.935; Hayda Sonata No 49 in Exhibition (plane) (Plan
Friday 22 Feb 7. 45 p.m.	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA David Atheries conductor? Robert Tear (lener) Halblar Develiments for string orchestra; British Nocturne. Op 60; Halblar Develiments for string orchestra; British Nocturne. Op 60; Halblar Develiments for 4,00, E4,60 FCO Missir Sor 1,44 1,10, E2,70, E3,50 E4,00, E4,60 FCO Missir Sor 1,44

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	Tuesday 12 Feb 7.30 p.m.	PETER GALLANT (plane) Mezart Sonate in D. K.876; Sectiouses S'nata in E flet. O. ** Schabert Introducture in R flet. D. 635; S'nata in E flet. O. ** Schabert Introducture in R flet. D. 635; Lear Consolution No. 3; Brahms Rhapedy Op. 79 No. 1; Chosin Waitz in C sharp milnor; Imprompts in F starp; Bellade No. 3. \$1.00. 21.50. \$2.00
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Sunday 10 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	Radio Taleffs Eircann Singers brie Sweeny, cond Yaronica McSwiney, pno. SENSE OF IRELAND—2	Works by Vanghan Williams, Mangravo, Field, Bectmown, Bockley, Boydell, Pro- kolley, Schubert, Pollent, Pulior, 12, 23, 22, 150, 81, liadio Telris, Erreann.
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Monday 18 Feb 7.30 p.m.	THE GALLIARD ENSEMBLE C2.20, 21.70, 21.20, 80p Charlotte Nicholls	Haydn: London Trio No. 5 in G: Beethoven: Spring Trio is G Oo. 9 No. 1: Provost: Mobiles: 1960; Kodaly: Duo for violin & c-lio Op. 7: Mozari: Quariet in C major K 1985.
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7.30 p.m.	CRISTINA ORTIZ PIANO MEDICI STRING QUARTET 55.69), 55, 52.20, 51.50 Debenhanis Concerts Harold Holl Lid	Schubert: Quariet in A minor DR04 Debussy: Poissons d'or, Reffets dans l'eau. L'iste joveuse: Dvorak: Piano Quintet in A.
7.30 p.m.	PALLE ALTER SULFERE	tenor, Leigh Mixon tenor. Paul Hiller barttone English carola & part-songs 1420- 1520, music from Heary VIII Song Book, Egerton, Fayrlax & Ritson M.S.
Friday 22 Feb 7.30 p.m.	CARL SEEMAN plans 2 of 3 rectals C2.20, C1.70, E1.20, 90p lbbs & lillett	Mazari Programme. Fantasia in D minor. K3-7, Rondo in 1 minor. K3-1, Senata in D. K576, Fantasia in C minor. K3-6, Sonata in C. K550, Variations K465.

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Thursday, 28th February at 7,30 SERGIU SCHWARZ (violin) LIORA ZIV-LI (piano) Chaconne from Partila No. 2. BACH Sonata No. 3 for solo violin YSAYE Plano Sonata No. 6 in A PROKOFIEV Three Songs without Words UK premiere: BEN HAIM Violin Sonata in A FRINCK Tuesday, 15th April at 7-16

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Gemma Jones's return

John Osborne's play Very Like a Whale has taken some time to surface. It was written almost ten years ago following a commission from London Weekend Television, but after changes in the drama department of LWT it drifted off into obscurity. Its title probably did not help-Polonius humouring Hamlet, for those who have forgotten their Shakespeare.

ATV took the decision to support it and it goes out next Wednesday as one of a series of films made for television which the company is transmitting over the next few weeks. Following the currently fashionable practice Whale has been filmed so that it can be shown on either the large or the small screen; with a running time of just under eighty minutes it is a shade short for the cinema, but fleshed out with commercials it rounds off micely to an hour and a half. Alan Bridges, who made Bergman's The Lie for television some years ago, has done a little discreet updating of Osborne's story of a tycoon who finds himself showered with bonours and riches and in the process becomes increasingly isolated from his family and

unrecognizable after appearing as Bette Midler's shaggy manager in The Rose and the put-upon husband in Simon Gray's Stage Struck, plays the industrialist and Gemma Jones is his second wife. Off-stage-or off-set-Gemma

also proves to be a chameleon figure. The almost waif-like features which first brought her to the West End with Peter O'Toole in Brecht's Baal have little resemblance to the John Osborne's Lady Mellor.
Mr Osborne's character though
has an emotion or two in common with another lady who no
longer attracts the attention of longer activates the attention of her instand played by Miss Jones during her days at the National, the Countess in Beau-marchais's Marriage of Figuro.

Gemma Jones has worked twice before with Alan Bridges: The Lie and the television production of Peter Nichols's Forget-me-not-Lanc. "Alan is a highly articulate man who



As Lady Mellor

filming in America, and my own contribution was wrapped up in a formight. "He might well have been his few friends.

Alan Bates, with a trim haircut which makes him almost
unrecognizable after appearing
to use his own imagination to use his own imagination.
Alan likes that. I suspect too
that we might have softened
Lady Mellor a bit. When I first
read her interchanges with her husband I thought they were very searing and hard; possibly on screen—and I haven't seen the film yet—they will come out more emotional. Certainly Alan kept on telling me to be more 'spontaneously emotional' although not in any instally although not install although not more 'spontaneously emo-tional', although not in any

extrovert way.
"This role could have emerged very tough and bitchy. I don't get the impression John Osborne likes women a great deal: he has little interest in their nicer sides, although be's impressed by their tongues. But maybe that's wrong . . . he's married quite a few. Does it matter that this is an old play? Not in the slightest. The fact that it was written in 1971 is a statistic and nothing else."

Lady Mellor marks Gemma Jones's first major television appearance since her two-year stints as The Duchess of Duke Street, the role that brought films at speed. If he doesn't her public fame. I recall her the beginning of the day, then in sabsolutely sure of what he doesn't want. Whale was made in six weeks, including the Street, the role that brought her public fame. I recall her father, Griffith Jones, complainthe beginning of the day, then in her public fame. I recall her father, Griffith Jones, complainthe bar in Stratford-on-Avon that doesn't want. Whale was made in six weeks, including the centred on his daughter and

no one was interested in him.

"In fact my father is wonderfully supportive and possibly over-proud of that success.
It's almost embarrassing—he'd
be likely to murder anyone
making an adverse criticism.
But one very encouraging thing
did emerge from The Duchess.
I had a letter out of the blue
from Peter James at the Sheffrom Peter James at the Shef-field Crucible asking if I would join his company in any play of my choice. I wasn't used to getting that kind of invitation. We both made long lists and eventually settled on Cabaret, which, Peter remarked, would bring in bigger audiences then Hedda Gabler. I'd always fancied myself as a singer from my schooldays, when I was a little show-off. It was a rash choice, but it worked. I reckoned thereafter that the Sheffield audience would come and see me in anything. I was wrong. I next appeared in Much Ado and they found that consider-

Gemma Jones will be having another shot at Beatrice in the summer when Peter Dews directs Much Ado at Chichester. And next Wednesday she will be watching Very Like a Whale well aware that Yorkshire TV stepped in smartly with another Osborne play, You're not watching me. Mummy, a couple of weeks back. "He does very weeks back. "He does very much seem to be Flavour of the Month, doesn't he?".

ably less enticing."

John Higgins

The Key Tag Theatre Upstairs

Irving Wardle

Our theatre is becoming depressingly over-stocked with once-promising young writers, eking out their careers in lowbudget studio shows with everdiminishing prospects of breaking through to a main house production.

I hope some better fate awaits Michael McGrath, who won the George Devine Award with Amy and the Price of Cotton, but shows in his new piece the ominous symptoms of take it-or-leave-it artistic arrogance; and as the work has been given a rehearsed reading at the Court I feel that the management has

to the events of one day, which immediately raises the question of why Harry and Rachel have failed to advertise the posts until the moment of their

departure.
Harry is bored to death with his listless wife and perks up immediately at the sight of the young, fast-talking Pamela,

whom he showers with the choicest garments from his shelves while her taciturn hish husband looks on

Something poisonous is stir. ring under the surface and Mr McGrath goes on to open a jumbo-sized can of worms, Left alone, Pamela and Fintan (the husband) revert to vindictive squabbling and we learn that they have left two young children unattended at home. Equally harsh words between Harry and Rachel are heard from a tape recorder (who switched it on?)

With a deep breath, let me also introduce the character of Rira, the adopted Irish daugh-ter, a would be parachutist who is taking a degree in Egyptology and who ettempts to do away with Fintan in her home made electric chair.

done him a disservice in allowing it to appear in its present form.

The Key Tag is a study of parasitic behaviour, explored through the relationship between a shop-keeping couple who are moving out of town and a second couple who apply sheds much light on the wealth of information that sheds much light on the sterminding human sourcement. for the jobs of manager and surrounding homen squirmings assistant of the fashion boutique. The action is limited sion. Mr McGrath can write. What he fails to do is to select. what he ranks to the Six selection of false clues and strangulated themes which leaves Roger Michell's company including Patrick Drury and the beautifully cast Veronica Onlingan as the Irish antagonism playing each scene from hand house mouth.

LSO/Abbado Festival Hall

William Mann

It is well known that Schoen-It is well known that Schoen-berg idolized Mahler, and that Mahler was a fervent champion of his younger colleague's music. Yet, greatly different as their generations made their music, you seldom find the two composers side by side in the same concert programme. Full marks to Claudio Abbado and the LSO for prefacing Mahler's fifth symphony on Thursday with Schoenberg's piano concerto, a concert to be broadcast next Sunday evening, by Lon-don's Capital Radio.

Schoenberg wrote that con-certo long after Mahler's death, and far away from Vienna, in California during the Second World War. By then he was deliberately seeking to make 12-note language more easily accessible to the general musical public, and the piano accessory in the mast concerto is among his most romantic later works.

A scrupulously polished per-formance, full of enjoyable (yes, that is the mot juste) orchestral detail and finely weighted chamber-musical tex-ture (the full orchestra is

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followed it on to the mat. But -and here lies the difference-

most if not all of them have proceeded with only the briefest delay straight from mat to rubbish bin. The nasty vomit-coloured bit of card is

still on my desk: it brought me things I wanted to know.

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melancholy in the Adagio, hin elsewhere suggestive of gaiety and the dance, and in both veins some of Mahler's spiritual

London has heard some brilliant and sympathetic accounts of Schoenberg's piano concerno of late (Rosen, Woodward, Brendel). Maurizio Poliin's last night was in the same revelatory class, the piano music unfolded with unsparing affection and maximum clarity, ample power available when needed but the whole dedicated to ideals of gracefulness, charm, and poetry

Loudoners cannot help playing that nursery game, "Which is our top orchestra"? This concert spoke well for the LSO, at first in Schoenberg, then in

True, there were some dreadful brass fluffs in the latter, but there was also a wide range of nuance and vital often sumptuous sound, and punctilious rhythm on all sides. Some themes were even too soft to make their presence felt, and once or twice balance went agley, or tempo was so slow as to endanger melodic line. Abbado's sense of tension kept us with him, or rather with Mahler, throughout the journey. and made it a momentous exsparsely employed), set the perience. Special praise is due, work cogently in the Vienna of and was accorded, to David Schoenberg's youth, full of Cripps for his horn abbligato

Radio Off balance, or a

its Paris premiere to reach the British stage, which it did at Leeds on Thursday in a produc-tion by Ronald Hynd for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet. That makes the recently ended 78 years' wait for Johann Strauss's Cinderella seem almost short, especially as the Offenbach score is much

superior. Admittedly you might wonder why, for instance, a shah and a witch are dancing to a mazurka; dramatic logic and local colour are not exactly the work's strongest points. But it is bright, attractive music throughout, full of catchy tunes, and even more enjoyable in its intended theatrical context than on the Bonynge recording that first brought its merits to attention.

Hynd's production is stronger on stagecraft and broad comedy than choreographic subtlety or romance. Magical transforma-tions are cleverly brought off: a jug and a haf turn into a banquet for a king, and a girl becomes a butterfly before your amazed eyes. Some trickery with masks, too, brought gasps and All this helps hide the fact

that the story is really extra-ordinarily slight. Hynd has pared away the original plot almost to nothing. The shah and a shepherd boy both want the heroine; the witch wants to be beautiful; nobody gets what they want for very long. The shah has by far the best role, an adroit mixture of bra-vura and comedy, brilliantly danced by Stephen Jefferies at the premiere. The tune of one of his solos sounds like "The man on the flying trapeze" and the words of that song could hardly be more apr. Some of the dances Hynd has made for him have real wit in the way phrases finish differently from what you expect by their beginnings. The poor herome, however, is saddled with a very thin

Abbey Simon

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Although only sturdier souls

were prepared to risk frighten-ing audiences with the "Appas-sionata" until at least a decade

after Beethoven's death, today it is a box-office favourite, as

was everything in Abbey

Joan Chissell

pushover?

Stephen Jefferies as the Shah

she allowed a purposeful action of her own. She has several solos, but all in the same vague evocation of nineteenth-century style, whether she is supposed to be herself or changed into a to be nessel or changed into a butterfly. Margaret Barbieri almost gets away with hiding the role's limitations. She looks ideally like a romantic ballerina, makes light of the severe technical demands, and manages to make the girl's silly naivety come over as wimping ingenuousness.

I suspect there is more to be made of the witch than the almost amiably bumbling hag Alain Dubreuil presented; more venom might make the portraft furnier as well as sharper. Siobhan Stanley excellent as the with endowed temporarily with youth and beauty; her duet with the shah role. Things happen to and

approach to the "Appassionata"

allowed to disrupt the first

movement. He observed the con moto qualifying the second movement's andante, and he

whipped up the finale to an ex-

citing presto. homecoming. Apart from a few mishaps such

as befall the hardiest, the read-

ing was positive. But it was not a voyage of discovery. Mr Simon has clearly reconciled to

around her, but not once is is probably the ballet's most expressive single number. Carl Myers gets some fun from the shepherd boy's somewhat peri pheral role. Peter Docherry's settings make efficient and inocuous backgrounds for his pretty dresses.

As curtain-raiser, Kenneth MacMillan's Danses concertantes was given in a new decor by its original designer, Nicho-las Georgiadis: all red plastic and black surrounds, like a nasty burger bar. A newcomer, Roland Price, danced with assurance and zest in the main male solo, and some of the supporting women showed splendid style, notably Nicola Katrak and Jannifer Mills, but the ballet needs much more chic and mystery (also more precise dancing) in some of its

coveries in this performance in so far as tempo was contoo, such as piquant left-hand cerned. There were none of details in the "Valse those fluctuations so often Allemande" and "Aveu"—the Allemande" and "Aveu"—the last more tender than anything in the whole work. "Chiarina" and "Estrella", although ardent, lacked a measure of grace and charm, just as "Papillons" and "Lettres Dansantes" were a little too heavy and "Arlequin" and "Florestan" too fast. But whatever he did, it was clear that Mr Simon cared a great deal about Schumann, both as the introspective "Eusebius" and when routing the Philistines. when routing the Philistines.

To end Mr Simon tackled Lists's Six Studies after Paganini with a will that still-fell short of that word transcendental often included in the title.

moter's problem writ small: unless I am already disposed to be interested in what he has to offer, he is going to have a hell of a job even getting my attention. The message I got from The Manipulators was very much the same: advertising and all that is reasonably or even very effective when the prospect is as it were standing. prospect is, as it were, standing on the edge of an inviting pool and already slightly off-balance; it knows all about delivering the final push. We delivering the final push. We live in a society already heavily off-balance in several directions, two of them being minor novelty and (in the non-tuber-cular sense) galloping consumption. Catch us in one of them and we are a pushover. What advertising cannot do, to take an extreme example, is to take an extreme example, is to create a large Conservative majority in, let's say, the town of Corby, nor do I believe for one minute that it will ever wield that sort of powerthough if it ever does, then it will already be too late to

So what are we worrying about now? Are we worrying now? Any series in the present climate of mild paranoia calling itself The Manipulators carries. the very strong suggestion that we are or if we aren't, we ought to be and yet, as I've just said, that was not the message it conveyed. The crux of the matter is—or so it seems to me—that advertising is always presented as if it were a unique and quite exceptionally potent persuader, whereas it is in fact merely one instance of a much more general condition which only commands the attention and arouses the suspicion that it does because it makes such a song and dance So THEY are NOW trying to manipulate us by playing various kinds of persuasive music in the supermarkets. Good heavens, we have always been manipulable. always been manipulable by music Look what happened to

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WOLLY.

Endearingly, someone con-nected with Radio 4's The Manipulators, that three part the unsuspecting Alexander when he sat down for a quiet feast and Timotheus picked up series devoted to revealing the his lyre. Can the supermarkets equal that? Not by a long chalk. Furthermore, and to cite some of the other techniques of which the advertisers are said to have a special mastery, we box: a nasty vomit-coloured sheet of card folded in three (crooked) and shakily prioted have always been manipu by means of our own curiosity, by surprise, by drama, by appeals to vanity. What's new? Nothing unfortunately and this is where The Manipulations of the manipulation lators and every other programme about advertising I have so far heard falls to the ground, because by devoting all their attention to what is candidly a pretty crude and by now well-attested operation, they have none to spare for looking at the bases of it. What needs examination is the extent to which we are already offbalance and how we got to be

so easy to push.

If The Manipulators was interesting for what it failed to do, LBC's Who Keeps the Keepers? gained and held my attention by what it did. This was to provide a thoroughly well-constructed presentation of the issues arising from that well-publicized figure of 245 deaths in police custody. It made several excellent points with forceful moderation: out of that figure there are only a few cases which seriously give cause for concern (Kelly, Towers and Peach being three of them); it does not imply any general criticism of the and anyway we should also look to ourselves when we criticize it because we often ask for a strong police force then shout at it when it behaves like one At the same time, can there be any doubt that the case of Kelly leaves several very disagree-able questions which the police could and ought to answer? And what are we to make of the figure of 2,230 complaints against the police for assault with not one of them followed by prosecution nor even by dis-ciplinary action. This simply strains the credulity. Yet as we heard, the official response seems to be to pass these matters over or to accuse critics of being politically motivated. It is one which, as Ben Whittaker re-marked, only serves to increase any discredit there may be.

Finally a brief word about two other series which have just closed: the Anthony Wall /David Epps All Across the USA remained magnetic to the last; for the last seven nights on Radio 2 Rolfs Walkabout has featured the amiable Harvis and musicians doing a bit of village half entertainment and calling on such locals as had brought their harps to join it. I liked it and it sounded as if the villagers did too. It might just catch on.

David Wade

Simon's piano recital on Thursday.

Mr Simon comes from America, albeit now living in Switzerland, and he played with an assurance and directness best described as new world. Beethoven himself might have appreciated his no-nonsense Simon has clearly reconciled to every moment of surprise.

For the centrepiece be chose Schumam's Carnival, and here not merely surprised but startled us by playing the traditionally unplayed "Sphinzes" with awesome tremolando. There were other, less representations of the control of هكذامن الأحبل

Faith Brown: The Faith Brown Chat Show (ITV, 8.15)

© John Fowles's story The Enigma, which Malcolm Bradbury has turned, very effectively indeed, into a play (BBC 2, 8.30) differs fundamentally from those countless other mystery yarns in which somebody vanishes, everybody else chips in with conflicting reminiscences about him, and we end up with a jigsaw puzzle. There is a remarkable degree of unanimity about Mr Fowles's remarkable degree of unanimity about Mr Fowles's remarkable degree of unanimity. There is a remarkable degree of unanimity about Mr rowless vanished MP/barrister/company director. All agree he is eminently respectable, professionally and domestically. In the House, apart from speaking out once on the Lonbro affair (the period is 1973), his back-bench impact has been negligible. A colourless, humourless, unambitious man. Then why did be disappear? And where to? Do not expect too many conventional clues from Mr Bradbury tonight. It is not that kind of

■ You will either think Dallas, with its tormented Texans (BBC 1, 8.40) is the finest thing since sliced bread or the worst thing since Tiny Tim (the American singer, not Master Cratchit). Violently opposed emotions will, therefore, be unleashed by my announcement that when Dallas is finally laid to rest in about eight week's time, another related series about rich Texans, Knots Landing, will spring from its dead loins, presumably to go on for ever—a frightening prospect that Dallas itself seemed to have held out at one time.

As the last feathered missile plops into the double-top tonight, and the last black ball rolls silently into its predestined pocket, two sporting championships will end on TV—the Embassy World Professional Darts Championship (BBC 2, 10.40) and the Benson and Hedges Masters snooker tournament (BBC 2, 8.50 and 11.25)—and the stage will have been cleared for next week's run of sports transmissions, the Olympic Winter Games. The opening ceremony can be seen on BBC 1, at 7.25 on Wednesday

 A first radio performance (albeit a recording) of a musical work tonight on Radio 3 (7.30). It is a Richard Rodney Bennett piece for cello and orchestra, Sonnets to Orpheus. The orchestra is the Halle, conducted by James Loughran, and the cellist is Heinrich Schiff. The concert, which also includes Elgar's second symphony and the Berlioz overture Benvenuto Cellini, is the one given last September at the Edinburgh Festival. . . . I see that Bernard Miles and the Barrow Poets have another of their music, prose and poetry tours of London starting tonight (Radio 4, 11.15) Quintessential radio, this six-part series.

Broadcasting Guide

Edited by Peter Davalle

TELEVISION

Rovers; 4.20 International Darts (from Stoke-on-Trent); 4.40 Final

5.15 The Pink Panther Show: Car-

5.35 News: with Kenneth Kendall.

5.50 Wonder Woman: Jyuda Carter is the female Superman. Sabotage

and a living dead man's brain.
6.40 Jim'il Fix It: Is Melanie
Parks, aged cight, as much like
Mona Lisa as she thinks she is?
7.15 All Creatures Great and
Small: Tristan and the lovely new

5.45 Sport.

7.40 am Open University. Close down ar 8.30. 9.05 Gymnast: The Men's Floor

9.30 The Multi-Coloured Swap Shop: Includes a 'phone-in to hota-

Shop: Includes a 'phone-in to botanist David Bellamy, and cartoons,
music and general fun.
12.12 pm Weather.
12.13 Grandstand: The line-up Is:
12.20 Football Focus (with Bob
Wilson); 12.50 European Four-Man
Bobsleigh Championship (from St
Moritz); 1.05, 1.40 and 2.10 International Table Tennis (from Curdif); 1.20, 1.50 and 2.30, Racing
from Newbury; 2.50 and 4.25 International Snooker (the Benson and
Hedges Masters); 3.20 Rugby
League: Wigan v Hull Kingston

7.40 am Open University. Until

always—a joy to watch.
3.50 The Sky at Night: Patrick
Moore and Saturn's rings (r).
4.10 Play Away: Fun and music for

4.35 Horizon: Taking the pas-senger's fear out of flying (r).

8.40 am Sesame Street: Pioneering children's show. With the Muppets

9.40 The Beachcombers: Jesse dis-covers money does not always buy

10.05 Superman: A fire at the newspaper office. Whodunuit?

10.30 Tiswas: Excited (and excitable) show for children.

12.30 World of Sport. The line-up is: 12.35 On the Ball (lan St John); 1.00 Athletics (Pan Am International Series, from Australia); 1.15 News; 1.30, 2.00, 2.30, 3.00

London Weekend

BBC 2

BBC 1 VARIATIONS: Wales: 5.45 pm Sports Nrus. 12.30 pm Nrus and wrather. 5.45 Sportsbard 9.40 Sportscript. 12.30 pm Nrus and weather Northern Ireland 5.65 pm Scoroboard 5.45 Northern Ireland Nrus. 12.30 pm Nrus and Weather Nrus and weather the sports Nrus. 12.30 pm 150th Whit only; Spalight Sport. 12.35 pm 150th Whit only; Spalight Sport. 12.35 pm Clote barmald.

8.05 The Dick emery Show: Mr
Emery as a high class tramp, frus-trated spinster, doctor and police-man, with Pat Coombs.

8.40 Dallas: The return of the session in the Benson and Hedges Masters (see also 11.25).

9.20 Playhouse: The Enigma. Malcolm Bradbury's play ifrom a John Fowles Story) about an MP who vanishes (see Personal Choice).

10.40 International Darts: The Embassy World Professional championship. The final.

11.20 News. 11.25 International Snooker: the concluding moments. 5.25 Mr Smith's Indoor Garden: Geoffrey Smith amid the Fig Leaf Palms and rubber plants (r). 5.50 Optn Door: The case for more 2.20 pm. 2.20 Film: All In a Night's Work (1961). Comedy with Dean Martin as the heir to a publishing firm who falls in love with the girl (Shirley MacLaine) he thinks was his late uncle's mistress. Lightweight, but Miss MacLaine is—as

5.50 Open Door: The case for more kidney transplauts.
6.20 Top Table: International Table Tennis, from Gillingham. The Norwich Union Trophy.
7.00 News and sport.
7.15 Film: Marked Woman (1937). Gangster drama loosely based on the career of Lucky Luciano. Bette Davis is the night club hostess seeking revenge against her vice boss employer (Eduardo Clannelli). Humphrey Bogart is a D.A. Bogart is a D.A. 8.50 International Snooker: Second

3.10 Boxing: WBC Heavyweight world championship; 3.50, Half-time football: 4.00 Wrestling (from Reading); 4.50 Results service. 5.05 News. .15 Oh Boy !: Rock 'n roll music.

Last in the series. 5.45 Happy Days: Fonzie and the female motorcyclists.

6,15 Film: Two Rode Together
(1961). John Ford western about
an Army officer (Richard Widmark), a law enforcer (James
Stewart) and their mission to
retrieve some white captives held
by the Indians by the Indians. 8.15 The Faith Brown Chat Show: The impressionist takes on Eartha Kitt, Lene Lovich, Lorraine Chase, Angela Rippon and Mrs Thatcher.

8.45 Enemy at the Door: Post Mortem. The return to Guernsey of Peter Porteous (Richard Heffer), and a fight that ends in death.

9.45 News and sport.

10.00 Heartland: The Sponge Man.

Snooker: the concluding moments.

11.55 Film: Harold and Maude (1971). Black comedy with Bud Cort as a death-obsessed young man and Ruth Gordon as the elderly lady with whom he has a

strange relationship. Film ends at 1.30 am.

9.30 News: with Kenneth Kendall.

9.40 Match of the Day: Highlights from two of today's Football League games.

League games.

10.40 Parkinson: His guests are Gerald Durrell, Dennis Waterman, and Mike Harding.

11.40 Alan Price: The singer In

concert from Manchester

Regions

Susan Pleat play about a woman (Carol Royle) measily in love with a football physiotherapist (Paul Greenwood). 11.00 Saturday Night People: More wit, seasoned with malice, from Russell Harry, Clive James and Janet Street-Porter. 11.45 Pro-Celebrity Snooker: The Canadian Club Trophy from Leeds. Introduced by Fred Dinenage. 12.30 am Close: More readings, by Robert Rietty, from the works of the theologian Nahman of Bratslay.

by Nicholas Wapshott

All in a Night's Work (today BBC2, 2.20), where he inherits a fortune and a mistress (Shirley MacLaine), is not half as amusing as in Airport (tomorrow BBC1, 7.15), the original and best of a line of disaster thrillers based upon Arthur Hailey's formula novel. Taken as comedy, it is excellent fun, particularly Helen Hayes as the little old lady who freeloads around the world. In the same league is They Died With Their Boots On (romorrow BBC1, 2.00), a splendid Raou. Walsh western with Errol Flynn as western with Errol Flyt Custer at Little Big Horn.

RADIO 🚾

11.20-12.00 Open University: Mac-11.2012.00 Open Onversity: Mackenzie at Braehead; Briefing and Training for Part-Time Staff (2).
2.00-5.25 pm Open University: Open Forum; Linear Maths; Introduction to Calculus; Errors and Auction to Calculus; Errors and Interaction; Educational Research Methods: Philosophical Approaches to Gerontology; Intro-duction to Biology; Neuro-physio-logy; Great Britain 1750-1950; Music Interlude.

.00 News. .10 Sport on 4. .45 Today's Papers. .50. Yesterday in Radio 3 in Parliament. 7.55 am (mw only) Weather. 8.60 News. 8.05 BBC Welsh SO/O A. Hughes: Walton, Delius, Elgar, G. Williams.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Record Review.†
10.15 Stereo Release: Wolf,
Mozart, Schumann.†

9.50 News Stand. 10.05 The Week in Westminster. 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Pick of the Week. International Assignment

11.35 International Assignment.
12.00 News.
12.02 pm Money Box.
12.27 The News Quiz.†
12.55 Weather.
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions?
2.00 News.
2.05 Wildlife.
2.30 Play: No Moon . . No Sun, by Olwynne Macrae.
3.30 Does He Take Sugar?
4.00 News.

Radio 4

6.25 am Shipping forecast.
6.30 News.
6.32 Farming Today.
6.50 Yours Faithfully.
7.90 News.
7.10 On Your Farm.
7.40 Today's Papers.
7.45 Yours Faithfully.
7.50 It. 18 Rargain.

50 It's A Bargain. 00 News.

3.30 Does He Take Sugar?
4.00 News.
4.02 God In My Language (5).
4.30 Time for Verse.
4.40 Submarine 131.
5.25 Week Ending.†
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.15 Desert Island Discs.
6.55 Stop the Week.
6.30 Play: The Sleeper and the Swallow, by John Ashe.†
10.00 News.
10.15 Encere: review.
11.15 Miles of London.

11.15 Miles of London. 11.45 Signing On.

.55 am Regional news, weather. 7.55 Regional news, weather 9.05-10.30 Open University: Music Interlude; Open Forum; Music In-

trelude ; Introduction Materials ; Music Interlude. 10.30 Inside Parliament.

5.00 am News, weather. 5.02 Tom Edwards.† 8.06 David Jacobs.†

10.02 Pete Murray.† 1.02 pm Wit's End. 1.38-6.00 Sport on Z: Football; Rugby Union; Racing (Newbury); Cricket; Sports Report. 6.03 European Pop Jury. 7.02 Beat the Record. 7.30 Big Band Special.† 8.15 Saturday Night is Gala Night.† 9.00 New Swingle Singars.† 9.30 Freddy Starr.† 10.02 Sentimental Journey.† 11.02 Sports Desk. 11.10 Bob Kilbey.† 2.02 am-6.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

10.02 Pete Murray. † 1.02 pm Wit's

Radio I

5.00 am As Radio 2. 7.00 News.
7.03 Playground. 8.00 Tony Blackburn. 10.00 Peter Powell 1.00 pm
Adrian Juste. 7 2.00 Paul gambaccuni. 4.00 Rock on Saturday. 7 7.30
Steve Wright. 10.00 Al Matthews.
12.00-6.00 am As Radio 2.

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10.15 Stereo Release: Wolf, Mozart, Schumann.†

11.15 Bandstand.†

11.15 Diversions: classics on record.†

1.00 pm News.

1.05 Piano Trios: Bridge, Beethoren (op 1).†

2.00 Play It Again: outstanding music of the past week.†

5.00 Jazz records.†

5.45 Critics' Forum.

6.35 Piano: Haydn, Prokofler, Franck.†

7.30 Halle/Loughran, pt I: Berlioz, Bennett (Sonnets to Orpheus—1st per:-H. Schiff, cello).†

8.20 Talk; Reflections on Iran.

8.40 Halle, pt 2: Elgar (Sym 2).†

9.45 Story: An Author's Mother, by Scott Fitzgeraid.

9.55 P. Jones Brass Ens: Gervaise.

Attalguant, Arnold, Britten, M. Berkeley.†

10.50 La Gloriosa: music at court of Isabella d'Este.†

11.55-12.00 News.

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Racing from Wolverhampton; 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 Racing from Catterick; FILMS ON TV

With the Winter Olympics beginning on Wednesday, the BBC are out to keep happy those who don't like sport by increasing the number of films this week to 12. number of thins unis week to 12. As President Carter opens the Games on BBC1, BBC2 viewers can watch Cover Girl (Wednesday, 7.50). Charles Vidor's romance with Rita Hayworth and Gene Kelly doing his shadow dance. BBC1 aims to keep its sports audiance intert by cheming The BBC1 aims to keep its sports audience intact by showing The French Counection Number 2 (Wednesday, 9.35), John Frankenheimer's gruelling sequel to the drug smuggling original, with Gene Hackman back as Popeye Doyle chasing heroin dealer Fernando Rey. Those who can live without the Olympics downhill can see the memorable Will Hay comedy, The Goose Steps Out (Thursday, BBC2, 6.00). With

Peter Ustinov and Charles Hawtrey among the Nazi schoolboys. among the Nazi schoolboys.

A strong week includes Bette Davis paired with Humphrey Bogart in Marked Woman (tonight BBC2, 7.15), Hal Ashby's black comedy, Harold and Maude (tonight BBC2, 11.55), about a necrophiliac (Bud Cort) who falls for 79-year-old Ruth Gordon, and M*A*S*H (tomorrow BBC2, 10.20), Robert: Altman's satire on the horrors of Vietnam, disguised as Korea, which brought Ring

horrors of Vietnam, disguised as Korea, which brought Ring Lardner Jr back to writing after years on the blacklist.

The worst clash for movie lovers is, as usual, on Tuesday mights when Kerin Brownlow's magnificent Hollywood (ITV, 9.00) competes with BBC2's art film slot. Between the Lines (Tuesday BBC2, 9.00) is an admirable film by Joan Micklin

Silver about the inevitable compromises caused when a Boston alternative newspaper becomes too successful for its radical roots

Dean Martin's performance in

REGIONAL TV

Ulster

As London except: Starts 2.10 am Better Road, 9.35 Pile; Guitar, 10.00 Clue Club, 5.45 pm. Mork and Mindy, 6.15 Miss ATV 1/80, 6.30 Film; Doctor at Sea 1014 Bogarde, Brighte Bardot, James Robertson Justice, 11.00 Film; Lock Up Your Daughters (Christopher Pitumer, Suzannah York).

Yorkshire As London except: Starts 9.00
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Cartoon 5.30 Dh Bay 6.00 M
Days. 6.30 Film: Fire Charers (
Everett. 11.00 Film: Cold S
(Charles Bronson Liv Utmann, 4)

Tyne Tees As London extept: Storts 9.00 am Saturday Shake-up 0.05 Space 1994 9.35 Saturday Shake-up 10.05 Solo One. 10.50 Film: When Comedy Was King Charlic Chaplin. Fairy Arbuckle: 12.20 pm. Saturday Shakeup. S.15 Carloon, 5.30 Ohio; 6.00 Kappy Days. 6.30 Film: White Fang Franco Nero: 11.00 Felice Story, 12.40 am.

Granada

Westward As London except: Starts 9.20 am Look and See, 9.25 Sesant: Street, 10.25 Gu Honeybun s Birthdays, 12.27 pm News 25 pm Art and Mindy, 6.15 Film Cacke Her Name With Prider | Uright McKenner, 11.00 Saturday Night in the West, 11.36 Barney Miller, 11.55 Faith for Life.

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As London except: Starts 3.70 am Numbers at Work 9.35 Lucan, 5.15 pm Deciprs and Nurses, 5.30 Gh Boy, 6.00 Happy Days, 6.30 Sh Boy, 6.00 Kersein Mathews, 11.00 Film: Cold Switz (Charles Bronson, Liv Ullmann, James Mason).

James Mason.
HTV CYMRU/WALES: As General Service except: 5.05 pm News followed by Report Wales, 6.00 Ston a Stan.

Southern

As Lendon except: Starts 8.45 am Play Gullar: 9.10 Sesame Street, 10.05 Sam. 6.15 pm Film, Wellan of Straw (Gina Lollobrigida), 11.00 News, 11.03 Film: Cold Sweet (Charles Bronson), 12.45 am bleather followed by God's Bratts-

Channel Scottish

Anglia

As London except: Starts 9.35 am Guttar, 10.05 Kum Kum, 5.45 pm and Mindy, 8.15 Film: Four Fea John Clements, Raigh Richards Border

David Jacobs.† 10.02 Pete Murray.† 1.27 pm The Choice Is Yours.
1.32 Roy Castle.† 2.02 Alan Dell.†
3.02 Peter Clayton.† 4.02 Country
Style.† 4.30 Sing Something Simple. 5.02 Waggoners' Walk. 6.02

Charlie Chester. 7.02 Treble Chance. 7.30 Two's Best. 8.30 Sun-day Half-Hour. 9.02 Your 100 Best Tunes. 10.02 Windsor Davies Pre-sents. 10.30 Top of the Bill. 11.05 Bob Kilbey. 2.02-5.00 am You and the Night and the Music.

6.00 am As Radio 2. 8.00 Tony Blackburn. 10.00 Noel Edmonds. 1.00 pm Jimmy Savile. 3.00 Sunday Request Show. 5.00 Top 40:† 7.02 Star Special.† 9.00 Alexis Korner.† 10.02 Sounds of Jazz.† 12.00-5.00 am As Radio 2.

VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 6.00 am With Radio 2. 5.00 pm With Radio 1 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2.

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Western Wave (648 kHz, 463 m) at the following times:—

1.09 News, about Britain. 7.45 Word Radin Club 8.00 World News. 8.79 Review. 19.15 Proceed and Politics. 9.30 States of the World News. 19.15 Proceed Review. 10.30 Sunday service. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News about Britain. 11.15 Letter from America. 1.00 pm World News. 11.09 News about Britain. 11.15 Letter from America. 1.00 pm World News. 1.09 Commentary. 1.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 1.30 Short Stary. 1.45 From Our Own Correspondent. 1.30 Short Stary. 1.45 Start S

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Stuart Burrows: BBC 2, 8.50 • Gay Life (London Weekend,

11.30 pm) is a pioneering venture—a weekly slot for, and about homosexuals. It is the first television series of its kind in Europe, and only viewers in the London area will be able to see it. Tonight's · . · edition is devoted to homosexuals in the Civil Service and it poses the question: What sort of security risk do they

• Starting strongly with the Vassall story, Spy! (BBC 1, 9.25) has subsequently slumped a bit, but last week's reconstruction of The Tokyo Ring was good, strong stuff, and I have a feeling that tonight's episode, about the British secret service at a dangerously low cbb, will maintain this high standard.

The Hills of Ruhanga (BBC 1, 10.25) is a pointless title for a good Everyman film about how the roots of Christianity in Uganda were nourished and strengthened by a far older belief in a god—Ruhanga—the worship of whom took no account of boundaries between the spiritual and the secular

• Joyce Grenfell (Radio 4. 10.15) is a brief biography by Joseph Cooper of a dearly-loved lady who left the world a happier, kinder, even wiser, place than she found it.

Sunday's programmes

TELEVISION

BBC 1 7.40 am Open University. Closedown at 8.30. 8.55 Ragtime: Puppet show.

9.10 Community Action: Aslan selfhelp groups.
9.45 Focus on Communications: Reading between the lines (1). 10.05 The Skill of Lip Reading: Domestic Scene (r). 10.15 Let's Go: For the mentally

10.30 Lost for Words: Children's speech defects (r).
10.55 Russian—Language and 10.55 Russian—Language People: Part 4 (r). 11.20 Avventura: Italian lesson

11.20 Avventura: Italian lesson.
11.45 Multi-Racial Britain: Southall
Youth Movement (r).
12.10 pm A Church to Yourself:
The story of Victoria Hall, Bolton.
12.25 Christianity Explored: The
work of the Holy Spirit.
12.55 Farming: Farmers' maga-

BBC 2 7.40 am Open University. Other sessions begin at 11.00 and 1.05 5.15 Rugby Special: Lancashire v County Championship final. From the Vale of Lune.

5.10 News Review: With visual commentary and Kenneth Kendall. 6.40 The Money Programme: From Manchester. Anatomy of a reces-

London Weekend 9.05 am A Better Read: Bill Grundy talks to playwright Peter Nicholls.
9.30 Play Guitar: A lesson from Ulf Cores and the leases

9.30 Play Guidar: A lesson from one Goran and Ike Isaacs. 10.00 Morning Worship: From St Mary's Parish Church, Thirsk. 11.90 Getting On: For the nolonger-young. 11.30 Bailey's Bird: Tales of a seaplane.
12.60 Weekend World: Interview with Tony Benn about what might happen to Britain if Labour's militant left took over the reins of

power.

1.00 pm Numbers at Work: everyday maths.

1.30 Skin: Community policing, in
an effort to reduce the black crime WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: STEREO; *BLACK AND WHITE; (r) REPEAT.

1.20 It's a Great Life: School

s, trusticy and jobs. 1.40 Write Away: How to fill in a car insurance form. 1.55 News 2.00, Film: They Died with Their Boots On (1941). Spectacular action film with Errol Flynn as General Custer. Also starring Olivia de Havilland,*

4.15 Tom and Jerry: Cartoon. 4.30 Crufts: Preview of the big dog Show.

Strong Scientists of the Year:
The final, between Bryn Alyn
School, Wrexham; Royal Grammar
School, Newcastle; King's School,
Tynemouth; Bexhill College,

Sussex. 5.55 News. 6.05 Holiday: Mid-landers travel to London. Also, what Corfu offers.

6.40 Songs of Praise; from West-bury Park, Bristol. 7.15 Film: Airport (1969). Inter-linked dramas at an international sion. City businessmen in a discus-

7.15 Call My Bluff: With Frank Muir, Prunella Gee, Nikolai Tol-stoy, Arthur Marshall, Diane Keen, Roy Marsden. Robert Robinson is 7.45 Spirit_of Asia: The Hannted Land. David Attenborough explores the worship of the Nats of

8.45 News and weather. 2.00 University Challenge: Laucas-ter University v University of Bradford.

2.30 Police 5: How to help the Yard.

2.45 The Big Match: Three of yesterday's football matches.

3.45 Film: The Gift Horse* (1952).
Second World War naval drama about an old destroyer captained by tough Trevor Howard. Also stars Richard Attenborough, Sonny

Worzel Gummidge: The 5.30 worzer daminute: The scarecrow enters a talent contest. 6.00 Credo: Those who conscien-tiously object to military service. 6.30 News. 5.40 Your 100 Best Hymns: viewers' requests answered 7.15 Family Fortunes: Bob Monk-

alrport. With Burt Lancaster, Dean Martin, Jean Seberg. 9.25. Spy | The Venio Incident. How two British secret service agents (ell into a Nazi trap. (See Personal Choice.)

10.15 News. 10.25 The Hills of Ruhanga: Reli-gion in Uganda today. (See Per-sonal Choice.) 11.00 Inside Japan: Profiles of two business executives. 11.30 Come Rain, Come Shine: Behind the scenes at the Met Office in Bracknell, 12.00 Weather.

Regions

8.50 Stuart Burrows Sings: The Welsh tenor's guest is Irish soprano Norma Burrowes. 9.25 Pride and Prejudice: Final episode. Lady Catherine de Burgh forbids Elizabeth to marry Darcy. 19.20 Film; M*A*S*H (1969). The big screen original of the small screen series about an Army surgical hospital in Korea. With Donald Sutherland, Ellion Gould, Sally Kellerman. Ends at 12.20 am.

house's quiz game.
7.45 The Spoils of War: Episode 3
of the end-of-war serial. We have
reached July, 1945.
8.45 Pig in the Middle: Comedies
about a husband, wife and romantic siel neighbour. tic girl neighbour.

9.15 Hart to Hart: Thriller with
Robert Wagner, Stephanie Powers.
They are charged with drug

10.15 News. 10.15 News.
10.30 Cleo and Love Letters:
Words and music show to mark St
Valentine's Day. With Cleo Laine,
Susan Hampshire, Richard Johnson. 11.30 Gay Life: New series about homosexuals. (See Personal Choice.) 12.00 Close: Readings by Robert

REGIONAL TV

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s London except: Starts 9.00 am esame Street. 11.00 pm University haltenge: 1.20 west Country Farming, 00 Cartoon: 2.15 One Stop Ahead. 45 Film. New Daughters of Joshus abe (John Michaltre, Jack Elam): 5.00 13th You Were Here! 11.30 Polite

HTV CYMRU WALES: As goneral s vice except: 2,00 pm Snooker Spec 5,30 Ysgol Sul 6,30 News followed Report Wales HTV WEST: No variations.

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ondon except: Starts 11.00 am ng On, 11.30 University Challenge, pm Play Guitar 2.00 Uniamed 1. 2.30 Sound Of Vince Hill. 3 45 Mulligans Stew Lawrence Press-Elinor Donahar 1. 5.00 Wish You Here ? 11.20 Sports, 11.35 Face Future, 11.55 Police Surgeon.

Yorkshire

As Condon except: Starts 8.00 am Numbers at Work. 8.25 Better Read. 9.55 Undersea Adventures of Captain Nume. 11.00 Play Guitar. 11.30 Farming Diary. 1.00 pm Calendar. 1.25 Emmerdaie Farm. 2.20 Football Special. 3.15 Film: Run. V.id. Run Free : Mark Lestor. John Hills Sylvia Sims, Gordon Jackson. 1 5.00 Wish You Were Here? Squad: Stunt.

As London except: Starts 8.45 am Communion. 9.05 Bottor Read. 9.30 Survival. 1.00 pm Logan's Run. 1.55 Farm Progress. 2.20 Eatley's Bird. 3.45 Sounds of Lewis, 5.00 Wish You Vary 19and. 4.55 News. 5.00 Wish You Vary 19and. 4.55 News. 5.00 Wish You Vary 19and. 2.55 News. 7.00 Wish You Vary 19and. 8.50 Pro-Celebrity Snocker 19and Weather followed by God's Brainways. Weather followed by God's Brainways.

Westward

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3.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers.

Southern

As London except: Starts 9.30 am Getting On. 11.00 Play Cultar, 11.30 Better Read. 1.00 pm Numbers at Work. 1.30 Carloon. 1.45 Farm and Country News. 2.15 Wish You Were fore: 3.45 Film; Bridger—the Pertyre Day James Walnwright. Sally Field to 11.30 Sido Street. 12.25 am Faith for

As London "xcept: Starts 2.13 pm Weather. 2.15 Wish You Were Here? 2.45 Film: Bridger—the Fortleth Day (James Watmwright, Sally Field, 6.37 News. 11.30 Side Street. 12.25 as

Radio 4 6.25 am Shipping forecast. 7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samaihiye.

> 8.15 Sunday. 8.50 Week's Good Cause. 9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers.

9.15 Letter From America. 9.30 Morning Service. 10.15 The Archers. 11.15 Weekend Woman's Hour. 12.00 A Touch of Genius.

12.00 A Touch of Genius.
12.30 pm The Food Programme.
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World this Weekend.
1.40 Feedback.
2.00 News.
2.05 Gardeners' Question Time.
2.30 Play: The Widows of Clyth, by Donald Campbell.
4.00 News.
4.02 The Week's Antiques.
4.30 The Living World.
5.90. Everybody's Songs (6).
5.15 Down Your Way.
6.15 Barriers.

6.15 Barriers. 7.00 Bookshelf.

7.00 Bookshelf.
7.30 Origins.
8.00 Music to Remember: Meyerbeer, Debussy, Lalo.†
9.80 News.
9.30 Sons and Lovers (4).†
10.00 News.
10.15 Joyce Grenfell: her career.
11.00 The way of the Mystic (5).†
11.15 The Magic of Music.†
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.23 Weather.

VHF
7.15 am-10.15 Open University:
19th Century Technology; Music Interlude; Psychology and Other Disciplines; Ebbw Vale; Theories of Art—Plato; The First Years of Life—Baby Talk; Values and Bellefs; Music Interlude.
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RADIO aqui (15); Skills for Survival (5); Shop and Office (3); The Bad Life (5); World Powers in the 20th Century.

Radio 3 7.55 am Weather. 8.05 Records: Mendelssohn (op 66

9.05 Records: Bach, Schubert,

Debussy.†

10.30 Music Weekly.†

11.20 NBC SO/Cantelli : A. Gabrieli

Tchaikovsky (Sym 5).

12.20 pm Delme Ensemble: Beethoven (Septet op 20).†

1.00 Piano (Perahia): Chopin (incl.)

Request Sho 24 Preludes).†
2.00 Opera: Die aegyptische
Helena, by Strauss (Detroit SO/

Dorati.; Making and Unmaking.
4.25 Talk: Making and Unmaking.
4.45 Quartets (Gabriell), pt 1:
Beethoven (op 59 no 3).;
5.15 Interview: Robert Simpson.
5.50 Quartets, pt 2: Simpson (no 6—1st perf).† 6.25 Talk: Reflections on Iran. 6.45 Records : Tudor music.† 7.40 Italia Prize 1979: Serocki 7.40 Italia Prize 1979: Serocki (Pianophone).†
8.15 Play: Revelations, by Giuseppe Giacosa.†
9.00 RPO/Del Mar, pt 1: Vaughan Williams, Britten, Bridge.†
10.00 One pair of Ears: review.
10.15 RPO, pt 2: Strauss (Zarathus-

tra).† 10.50 Clarinet trios: d'Indy, Brahms.† 11.55-12.00 News. VHF .
6.20 am-7.55 Open University: Edu-cating for Uncertainty; Gossamer Condor; Measuring Unemploy-ment; The Public Library; Inter-

12 midnight-12.20 am Open University: Interlude; What is Design ? Radio 2

6.00 am News, weather. 6.02 Sam on Sunday, 7.30 Nick Page. + 8.03

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SCOTCH WHISKY



SCOTLAND'S **NUMBER ONE** QUALITY SCOTCH WHISKY

Rhodesian art: a wide open field

With sanctions against Rho-desia lifted, Rhodesian art can once again be exported legally style. tion and no encouragement to embrace any particular artistic He was taught to sculpt by his own employees and himself to the West. No doubt, in the course of the next year, artistically minded entrepreneurs will be exhibiting and selling Rhodesian art in Britain. What should we make of it?

By far the most significant and individual Rhodesian art works are the stone carvings. originally mainly in greenish soapstone, but now increasingly in serpentine and quartz. The carving began in villages and townships only about 10 years before UDI, but even during that short period they had begun to stir excitement abroad. There had been two exhibitions at the Commonwealth Institute in London; pieces had also sold in America where a big exhibition was planned—a carving by

UDI put a total blockage, at least on the overt trade in Rhodesian sculpture, though a few pieces continued to trickle out, notably among the effects of departing white settlers. For the past 10 years the sculptors have been able to work only for the small internal market. It will be interesting to see

For the collector, the special fascination of the field lies in exerting his or her own taste and judgment. Which types of work and which artists deserve a slot in art history has yet to be decided. Collections now formed with care and taste will belp to decide it.

The story begins with the opening of the National Gallery in Salisbury in 1957. The first director was Frank McEwen, an English artist and administrator, who was to become the chief international promoter of the sculpture school. From the start he saw his role as stimulating artistic activity within Rhodesia, not merely exhibiting the work of other cultures to a Rhodesian

Within a couple of years he had dreamed up the scheme for a workshop attached to the gallery where paint, canvas or carving tools would be made available to anyone who cared to try them. Among his first clients were the African gal-lery attendams, notably lery attendants, notably Thomas Mukarobogwa who was

McEwen watched with fascination to see what emerged, as it were, from a vacuum. Writing in the late Sixties, he said: "Sculptural features common to West Africa-the enlarged head, seat of the spirit; the sturdy sculptural legs; the chevron, the snake and the spi-ral symbols all came into carving, while painting appeared distinctly expressionistic."

Precisely how the soapstone carving began is unclear, though the Inyanga school in the Eastern Highlands definitely began with Joram Mariga-and this may have been the start of it nationally. Par Pearce, an artist of British origin and her pioneer pilot hus-band, lived and farmed at Inyanga. Mariga turned up on Joram Mariga had been bought their doorstep with a carving, for the Museum of Modern Art. to get Mrs Pearce's opinion and advice. She was so excited by its quality that she kept Mariga at the farm overnight and drove him into Salisbury next morning to meet Frank McEwen and show him the carving.

> From such small beginnings great things may grow. His example inspired many of his example inspired many of his village friends to start carving and the Inyanga school was born. The National Gallery later established an outpost there, a colony of sculptors. Some looked for inspiration in British periodicals, such as Country Life and the Illustrated London Natus and produced examples. London News and produced ex-

This was very much frowned on by McEwen and Mrs Pearce, who urged the sculp-tors to draw on their own culture, traditions and religion for images. The Inyanga artists, especially, turned to animal carving, elephants, baboons, soakes and birds; the animal religious symbolism of the creatures is always close to the surface. They are very much spirit carvings, rather than photographic representations, and the spirit can be quite disturbing to live with. I have an inspired carving of an elephant by an Invance arrist

Gallery to show them a carving soapstone as a commercial Pragnant woman by Thomas by one of his farm labourers deal. The serious carvers, I Mn, at the Anthropos Gallery.

achieved some busts of Ian Smith, His farm was rapidly transformed into a flourishing carving community. Everyone was carving and their sculptures became part of the landscape.

When UDI came in 1970 Frank McEwen was busy organizing the exhibition to put all previous exhibitions in the shade at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Three schools of sculpture would be represented, the Salisbury workshop artists, those from Tom Blomefield's farm, and the Inyanga group. Large quantities of sculpture had already reached New York when the UDI announcement buzzed across the wires in March, 1970. And that was the end of the exhibition.

Quite a few of the sculptures were sold in New York and McEwen later organized exhibitions at the Musée Rodin Paris and at the ICA in London. On each occa-sion more pieces were sold. One group was bought by the Anthropos Gallery in Mon-mouth Street, Covent Garden. They are, as far as I can dis-cover, the only gallery in Lon-don offering Rhodesian sculp-They have roughly two dozen pieces on offer; their prices in the main range from £200 to £2,000, though there is the odd small piece at under £100 (very much above Rhodesian prices).

London News and produced eatraordinary imitations of, for instance, Georgian silver in soapstone from the illustrations.

This was very much frowned on by McEwen and Mrs Pearce who urged the sculp-left the country. But curiously left the soanstone carvers enough, the soapstone carvers seem to have multiplied through the war years. This was per-haps one of the few sources of cash income available.

Whereas in 1970, sculptures were marketed by the National Gallery itself and there were a couple of craft shops in Salisbury, there are now some two dozen craft shops. In addition photographic representations, and the spirit can be quite disturbing to live with I have an inspired carving of an elephant by an Inyanga artist called Claver Machisa and I know.

Next came Tom Blomefield, a tobacco farmer from Sipolilo. The came down to the National Gallery to show them a carving soapstone as a commercial

the Drum Arts Centre, Covent Garden, who has just been out to Rhodesia, are now working serpentine and quartz. These are harder substances, much more difficult to work than soapstone which is so soft that the most amateur hand can shape it in some fashion.

All the craft shops, she says are now offering soapstone carvings for sale. Moreover, there are the pediars on the street. "You buy chess set?",
"You buy head?", they come dashing up to demand; they are now a feature when walk-

ing through Salisbury.

The National Gallery in Salisbury is no longer taking an active interest in marketing contemporary though pieces can still be found there. The Delta Gallery and the Genesis Gallery in the centre of Salisbury are serious interested in sculpture and marketing items of real quality. Prices in Salisbury are currently said to range from around £20 to £600, depending on reputation.

Most of the reputations were made in the pre-UDI period. The artists who were shown internationally in those days included: John and Bernard Takawira, Joram Mariga, Tubayi Dube, Bernard Manyan-dure, Boira Mteki, Joseph Ndandarika, Thomas Mu and Simba Dzvokora.

Geraldine Norman



Challenger for Karpov

Chess

This is the year when the Candidates marches to decide who will challenge Anatoly Karpov for the world title in 1981 are to be held. Six players qualified for this series of matches from the two Interzonals last year. Hübner, Petrosian and Portisch from the Rio de Janeiro event and Tal, Polugaievsky and Adorjan from the Riga tournament. third with his compatriot Hungarian Ribli and just squeezed into the Candidates by drawing a match with Ribli 3-3 and then qualifying by reason of a superior point-count in the Riga tournament.

These six joined the finalists from the previous Candidates series (in 1977), Korchnoi and Spassky to form the eight players for the quarter-finals of the Candidates. The pairings for these matches were made by a drawing of lots last November at the FIDE secretariat in Amsterdam and the marches, which are due to commence in a month's time, were Korchnoi v Petrosian, Spassky v Por-tisch, Tal v Polugaievsky and

Hübner v Adorjan.

The winner of the match is the player who is in the lead at the end of 10 games and there is provision for further games after which, if the score is still level, the winner is the player who has won the most games with the Black pieces. All this is to be done at the rate of four games a week and the marches should end by April 1. In practice they hardly ever do; but a fair time is allotted as an interval between the quarter-finals and the semifinals since the latter are due to be finished by August 1 and presumably start some time in June. A drawing of lots was also made for the semi-finals and the winner of the Korchnoi-Petrosian match plays the winner of the Tal-Polugaievsky match, leaving the winner of the Spassky-Portisch match to meet the winner of the Hübner-

Adorjan match.
The damnable iteration of two of these matches, both Korchnoi-Petrosian and Spassky-Portisch occurred in the previous cycle of Candidares' matches in 1977, has led a number of experts to express disappointment at the sameness of the proceedings. And it is surprising that none of the really young great players have broken through to the last

There is no Timman, no Miles; above all there is no Kasparov. In this last case there never was a possibility of Kasparov playing since he was by exchanging Queens; e.g. too young to participate in the Soviet Zonal tournament and 19. QR-B1, N-B2; 20. B-B3, thus could not qualify for one of KR-K1; 21. P-B4, P-QN3; 22. the Interzonals. Timman started P-R5, QR-N1; 23. B-B4, and the Kasparov plavine since he was slowly in the Interzonal at Rio but finished up with a strong burst and missed qualifying by a hair's breadth; whereas Tony Miles, though he did and played very creditably at Riga, never really looked like qualifying. Despite all this, each match has its own peculiar interest. The contest between the two youngest, Hübner (31), and Adorjan (29), is due to start at Bad Lauterberg in West Ger-many on March 14. One imagines that Hübner, who played so well at Rio, should have a

comfortable victory; but even

Hübner's match-playing technique or temperament.

One would also have surmised that Korchnoi should best Petrosian in his match which starts on March 8 at Velden am Wörtersee in Austria not far from Klagenfurt and the Yugoslav border. But Petrosian is the one player in the Candidates to meet. Though he beat him in the 1977 match in Italy it was not without considerable difficulty and he has also lost a match in a preceding Candidates' series to Petrosian. The match between Tal and

Polugaievsky starts on March 9 at Alma-Ara in the USSR and if Tal shows his Riga form where he crushingly defeated Polugaievsky and was first by a large margin then the Latvian world champion should win with ease.

No country has as yet offered to stage the Spassky-Portisch match, the result of which is very open. Spassky won against him in the march which I controlled at Geneva in 1977. But since then Portisch has had better tournament results than Spassky so the result of this match is anybody's guess, and am not so foolish or so fool hardy as to class myself as com-petent as anybody in this

respect.
The following game, which was played at Tilburg in the Netherlands last November, is an excellent example of Hübner's unique style of play. White: Hübner. Black: Smyslov. Q. G. D. Slav Defence. 1 P-Q4 P-Q4 4 N-B3 PxP 2 P-QB4 P-QB3 5 P-QB4 N-B3 N-B3 N-B3 N-B3

3 N-083 N-83
A favourize line of Smyslov's which aims at developing the Queen-side pieces as speedily P-K4 8-N5 7 BxP Threatening 8 ExP ch, K±B

9. N-K5 ch.
7 P-K3 8 G-82 SAN,
8 B-K3 B-M5 Otherwise White plays N-K5

Otherwise White plays N-K5 with much the better game.

10 Px8 00

Or 10 ..., Q-R4 : 11, 0-0, B-K2 ...

12 K-R1 N-QN5 ; 13, Q-K2, P-KR3 ; 14. P-B4 : 0-R4 ; 15, P-B3, P-KN4 : 16. P-K5, KN-Q4 ; 17. BxN, KPxB ; 18. P-B5 with advantage to White (Gigoric-Green, Hastings 1961).

11 0-0 P-B4 14 KR-Q1 Q-B1 12 P-Q5 BxN 15 PxP Q-R6 12 P-Q5 BxN 15 PxP Q-R6 13 PxB PxP 16 QR-N1 QxP Black's win of a pawn is Black's win of a pawn is purely temporary and mean-while White's advanced and passed QP drives a wedge into

the Black position. Nor does he gain any relief two Bishops are all-powerful.

18 RxP P-B5 18 B-KB1

He loses 2 piece after 19.

BxP, Q-N5 ch. 19 O-R4 21 B-N2 QR-B1 20 Q-K2 Q-N3 ch 22 P-Q6 Decisive; the advance of this pown cannot be resisted and he might as well have resigned

here. N-84 25 C-K4 NoP PXB 27 CXO RPXO R-04 28 R-87 N-K7 ch NxR 29 K-81 N-85 B-Q5. Resigns as I Knight cannot guard the queening square N1K3.

Harry Golombek

Gardening

Hungry birds

A mixed bag of thoughts this week. First a great success, for Crocosmia masonorum, easy to the first time, in really protect. grow, it increases cheerfully the first time, in really protecting the brilliant red berries which grow abundantly on our plant of Cotoneaster watereri trained against a trellis. We have found the genus Eresprayed them twice with murus easy plants but my Stavoff, the really concentrated experience have been mixed. Stayoff, the really concentrated aluminium now in the second week of February the birds have not touched them. In the past, weaker formulations of this harmless bird repellent have only protected the berries up to the end of the year and when a cold spell set in the birds stripped them in a couple of days.

Before the bird lovers reach for their pens let me say that we put out plenty of food for our beloved population of tits, finches, thrushes, blackbirds, wrens and robins with other casual visitors.

There is always food in the shape of nuts, bread, or fat and water available. Incidentally. Linnaeus named the sparrow Passer domesticus because it is always found near man's habitations. It is mischievous, quarrelsome, greedy, destruc-tive and belligerent, traits which presumably it learned from associating with early man. If not then, it could pick them up from this present generation. But I am told that other human habits such as adultery, polygamy, and divorce are unknown in sparrow communities.

I mention the bird repellent now because soon buds will be swelling on gooseberries and black currants and if you have a bird problem it would be worth having some repellent in stock. Crocuses, primroses and polyanthus will be on the bird menu soon and may need protecting.

Looking ahead to the summer may I suggest a perusal of some bulb catalogues such as those produced by Walter Blom & Son Ltd, Leavesden, Watford, Herts, Van Watford, Herts, Van Tubergen, Willowbank Whari, Ranelagh Gardens, London SW6 3JY; and de Jager, The Nurseries, Marden, Kent. They contain many lovely bulbous plants that flower in summer and early autumn and which many people do not appreciate. Among my favourites are the tigridias which produce a flower four inches or more across with three large petals

and three much smaller petals. The large ones, may be yellow, white or red and usually heavily marked with crimson spots. The flowers only last a day but you can get up to eight flowers from each stem over a period of weeks in summer. Tigridias are only doubtfully hardy and to be on the safe side they should be lifted and dried off before we have severe frosts.

Then a lovely border plant far too seldom seen is the summer hyacinth Galtonia candicans. This produces spikes three to four feet high of white bell shaped flowers from July to September. We have it happily planted with the silvery sea holly Eryngium giganteum, a biennial which we allow to seed itself.

A splendid summer flower is and produces in summer long sprays of brilliant orange I would like to say that I

However now in our garden at Enfield my wife has managed to make some happy. What they like, I think is a well drained soil and a sunny warm border. There are several ere muri available with a mixture of pale shades, pink, yellow and golden bronze such as the 'Ruyterii hybrids'.

For the autumn we are quietly adding to our small groups of Nerine bowdenii. lifting and dividing some of the older clumps and buying a few more each year. It really is a lovely plant with its head of rich pink flowers borne in

It needs a nice warm sunny border preferably under a wall facing south. And I always my bulbs in November with 6in of peat because this plant has the stupid habit of bringing its bulbs to the surface where they increase year by year. They seldom tell you in the books to protect the bulbs, but I lost several hundred in the 1962-63 winter, so now I play safe.

More and more I am becoming attached to the genus begonia. It really is quite remarkable with those large foliage plants—varieties of Begonia rex and B. masoniana the "Iron Cross" begonia so called because it has an almost black iron cross on its crinkled green leaves, to the fibrous rooted varieties of Begonia semperflorens and of course the double and single tuberous begonias and the 'Pendula' types so charming for hanging baskets.

think the begonias are very good value. We start them off into growth in any warm light spot in March. We can grow them in pots indoors, in tubs, window boxes or hanging baskets out doors. They flower cheerfully all summer. We dry them off and store them for the winter and as soon as the corms start to produce new shoots we can cut them with a sharp knife into pieces so long as each piece has one healthy shoot. I once cut a large tuber into 20 pieces and they all grew.

Tokens of various kinds have become very popular in recent years—they are an easy way of giving a present to somebody whose tastes and needs one is doubtful about

The Horicultural Trade Association and Interflora have now agreed that their tokens, priced at 50p, £1, £3, £5, £10, and £25, may be cashed at any of the 1,250 garden shops, of the 1,250 garden snops, garden centres and nurseries, or at any of the 2,300 florists' shops who display the Interflora symbol. This means that tokens from either organization may be exchanged at well over 3 000 places. over 3,000 places.

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Roy Hay

Travel Books

In Homer's wake

The Aegean: a Sea Guide !

By H. M. Denham (John Murray, £17.50) The Companion Guide to Mainland Greece By Brian de Jongh

(Collins, £8.95) Proud-voiced Macedonia By Joan Wynne-Thomas

(Springwood Books, £4.95)

Yatchts (or pleasure boats) " wrote John Evelyn "vessels not known among us till the Dutch East India Company presented that curious piece to the King". The curious piece remained royal. All the royals had them. to be a duke or a Vanderbilt, or both, to own a yacht. In one of Onida's lusher interchanges, the heroine, gazing down upon the Bosporus, touches her disconsolate admirer on the shoulder and says: "You need a yacht—take mine." Nowadays yachts are more popular, and hundreds of them flit across the waters of the Mediterranean. They come from many lands, some of the to be a duke or a Vanderbilt, or from many lands, some of the most beautiful from New Engmost beautiful from New England. No longer are they the playthings of royalty, but queens in their own right. At Rhodes, Peiraeus, Delos, Mycoms and so many ether landfalls—Denham now lists no less than four hundred in the Aegean alone—you may behold these lovely vessels. They are the rule aristocrats of the ocean. the true aristocrats of the ocean, obeying no time-table but their owners sweet will.

But guidence they must mave. Captain Denham has already supplied it, from the treasure-house of his experience for those who navigate the dragon green, the luminous, the dark, the serpent haunted sea of the Mediterranean. Of all his guides this is the most in de-mend. First published in 1973, it is now in its fourth edition. It tells the yachtsman all he needs to know, down to the

nearest water-tap on the re-motest island quay, together with much that he would never find out. It is beautifully pre-sented with excellent and elo-avent plans abstractions quent plans, photographs and skerches, some of which show the rigs of local craft. To say that suction and publisher are worthy of each other is to accord them both the high praise they merit. In its own realm, Denham's Aegeon is the best book since Homer. If you are to sail in the Aegean you must take this book with you: if you cannot said in the Aegean you should read it at home, and in a trice you'll be there.

When we seek to explore

mainland Greece it is with

Brian De Jongh that we most rewardingly do it. This prismatic man was a true lover of Helias, but as Robert Liddell points out on his warm and witty foreword, by no-means an undiscriminating one. He was also an artist of distinction, so that in this endearing and illuminating work he is equipped to give us expert guidance on ikons and frescoes and has even something new and important to tell us about the Parthenon sculptures. He is at home with the learned as with the unlettered, Greek or other. He is specially informative regarding the exotic lords of mediaeval Hellas: his appendices give us not only a chronology of Greek and Byzantine rulers but also of Lann Dukes of Athens and Catalan despots. No cranny of Greek time or space is left un-examined. The abundant pro-tures, maps and plans are all

Alas, Brian De Jongh died in 1977, before the amazing new finds of Macedonian gold had come to light. The lacuna is satisfyingly filled by Joan Wynne-Thomas's Proud-voiced Macedonia (a title taken from Pausanias). In 95 pages we are given a precise straightforward description of Macedonia and its history and treasures backed by personal information sup-plied by Professor Manolis Andronicos who unearthed the contents of the great tombs. This is an ideal handbook It brings us right up to 1978. We must hope for more. The text is complemented by a map of the region. The frontispiece shows in colour one of the golden caskets from Vergina which already adores a Greek postage-stamp

Fleshly pleasures

Penguin Travel Guides 1980/81

Edited by Stephen Birabaum United States, £4.95; Canada, £4.95; Mexico, £3.95; South America, £4.95; the Caribbean, Bermuda and the Bahamas, £4.95

Englishmen who make a habit of writing about America know that nothing is more foolbardy than to try to compare the national characteristics of the two peoples. Few readers on either side of the Atlantic re-main unoffended. Yet when a British publisher takes a series of American guide books and publishes it under his own imprint, thanging nothing except the cover, the critic is obliged to dip his toe into these turbulent waters and discuss whether the needs of the British and American traveller (or in this case, I am afraid, traveler) are sufficiently alike to render the

project valid.

Penguin, the publishers in the case, seem to harbour doubts, because they have radically altered the wording on the covers of the five books in the series. While the British cover on the Caribbean stresses the carnivals, the heaches and the atolls—things to be seen rather than to be done—the cover of the otherwise identical American original speaks of sensual experiences; appling rum, diving for doubloons, eating Creole food and swamping in the food buff ".

The American blurb is a more accurate description of the con-tents. These are guides for the tents. These are guides for the tourist who wants primarily to do the things he enjoys and is only marginally interested in the country in which he chooses to do them. In his introduction stephen Birnhaum, the American travel writer who edits the series, pours scorn on the tradition of Baedeker and his followers, "seemingly much more concerned with demonstrating" concerned with demonstrating expertise in geography or his-tory than with any real analysis gion. The frontispiece in colour one of the caskets from Vergina largedy adorns a Greek stamp.

Stewart Perowne

Tory than with any real analysis of the sorts of things that actually concern a typical tourist. He takes his contempt for geography to the impractical extreme of omitting maps from the books, save for some sparse sketches in the Caribbean

volume. This, while reinforcing his claim that the guides are "distinctive and different".

seems a serious omission. Mr Birnbaum's strength hes Mr Birnbaum's strength hes in the pleasures of the flesh. His selections of restaurants, horels and bars in places with which I am familiar are perceptive, reliable and indefatigable, as are his precise directions for locating loose women in the larger cities.

larger cities. There is, sad to say, no pleasure to be had from the writing, which is creacly, breathless and occasionally desperate. describe New York, from all the available epithets, as "the most amazing city in the world" suggests a terminal collapse of the imagination. The style recalls Sunday newspaper consumer journalism, com-bining a knowing tone ("call Janet Bailey, the manager be-forehand, to find out when she's doing a West Indian meal") with the implication that the reader is a complete half-wit (" put heavy items on the bottom towards the hinges

of the suitcase"). Militant consumerism rules. We are advised in earnest detail that if an airline fails to honour our reservation (some-thing which has never happened to me in 17 years of frequent to me in 17 years of frequent travel) we can demand a look at the written statement of its policy for such eventualities. We are told which official in Washington to contact to dis-cover whether our cruise ship has violated federal standards of hygiene.

In the Caribbean volume, the accidental switching of the first page of the section on Dominica with that of the Dominican Republic — two distinct countries—is a fault of the binder rather than the editor but does little to inspire confihow did Mr Birnbaum manage to omit the single most impor-tant fact about flying to Dominica: that the skeport has no lights and the last plane is scheduled to leave only a half hour before sunset? If it is late it cannot land and the intending passenger must endure the tedious 90-minute drive back to Roseau, there being no could try asking the airline representative for the written policy statement which covers that; she will enjoy the laugh.

Michael Leapman

Sunny side up

The Companion Guide to South Africa By Geoffrey Jenkins and Eve Palmer

(Collins, £7.50) The Companion Guides have not changed much down the vears. Their declared purpose remains the same-"to provide a Companion in the person of the author, who knows intim-ately the places and persons of whom he writes, and is able to communicate the knowledge and affection to his readers" Their neat format is familiar to us all by now, and aficionados like me indeed know by heart the commendations of the series which their blurbs have been quoting since—well, at least since Cyril Connolly's day.

Their quality too has remained remarkably consistent. reaching classic standards in books like David Piper's London, Hugh Honour's Venice, and the two Welsh guides of Elizabeth Beazley and Peter Honell All Landon Peter London Howell. All the sadder to have to say, then, that the latest in the series, and the first to deal with a country outside Europe. falls sadly short of accustomed standards. It is not that Geof-frey Jenkins and Eve Palmer

have been skimpy in their work, or that they are ignorant of their subjects—they are clearly diligent, enthusiastis and wellinformed. It is just that they are alien to the English tradition of civilized, frank and scholarly guide-book writing of which the Companion series has been so honourable a custodian. Perhaps there is nobody working within that tradition who ould wir a guide to South Africa. Mr and Mrs Jenkins (for such they are) may be the best available. Mrs Jenkins knows all about trees, and is the author of The Plains of Cameloo. Mr. Jenkins deep

Camdeboo. Mr Jenkins, des-cribed as a best-selling novelist and a friend of Ian Fleming, is also a master of the breezy first-name journalism which is one of the more tiresome of our colonial heritages. They have written their guide in the first person plural, and made of it a kind of travelogue, full of meetings with Bobs, Phyls, Jims and "our old friend Lawrie" (Dr R. F. Lawrence, namer of the rare myriapod Peripatopsis alba, which lives only in a single cave on Table Mountain).

Factually, so far as I can tell, there is not much they have missed. From myriapods to Cape Caberners, cave paint-ings to diamonds mines, if you simply want to know where is what, and how long it has been there, this is probably the best available guide to South Africa as a whole. But it fails utterly, and wilfully, to reflect the true feel of the country. The word

"apartheid" does not once appear in the entire volume; more space is expended on a particularly lavish breakfast at Matjiesfontein than on the en-tire matter of race; the book altogether ignores the sense of brooding tragedy, of baleful contrast, irony and danger, which is not only the very Africa, but is also, for better or for worse, the most fascinating part of it. We do not climb to the summit of Majuba: we do not even hear of Spion Kop or Magerstonsein; let slone the Women's Memorial at Bloem-fontein. We visit the gold mines but not the labour compounds. We look at Baker's Parliament House while disregarding its contemporary meaning. We go to the Transkei, without once considering the nature of the I do not believe a good guide

to any country, or even an honest one, can so blarantly ignore such fundamentals. I think a guide book to South
Africa which can describe the
townships of Soweto without
mentioning any sort of social tension, past or present, is un-worthy of inclusion in a series which, as Mr Connolly has been telling us for so many years is "written for the intelligent" And I never thought I would read in a Companion guide, of all places, that something was "the world's most unique": they are generally written for the literate, 100.

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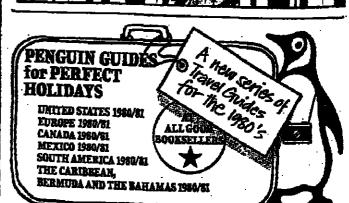
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The Companion Guide to Turkey

By John Freely (Collins, £8.50)

Palmyra By Iain Browning (Chatto & Windus, 18.95).

Here are two travel books, content, both excellent exam-ples of their kind. The Companion Guide to Turkey comes from a series which has already produced a new style of guide-book. They are literate, and they succeed in avoiding the Charubdic of triviality and the Charubdic of problems. and the Charybdis of prolixity. In this guide, as in the others, the traveller gets exactly what he needs, and in a handy for-

Turkey is amazingly rich in ancient monuments and in a wide variety of scenery. Here antiquity lives happily side by side with the modern world; and the visitor is always making discoveries for himself in a way no longer possible in better explored and better documented countries such as Italy and Greece.

Listanbul gets six chapters, which it richly deserves; each covers a morning's or an afternoon's trip. The only omission I noticed is Florence Night-invales heroital from the Seliingale's hospital (now the Seli-miye Barracks) at Usküdar, and the lovely British War Cemetery adjoining it. We are then taken down the west coast, with its fantastic Graeco-Roman cities, round the corner into Lycia, and along the beau-

tiful south coast.

The Anatolian Plateau, with its Hittite remains and the city of Ankara, are less well

known, and are admirably in-troduced, as are the out-of-theway corners of Turkey, which are less often visited. The author says: "This guide will not look upon Tur-

key as an outdoor museum of antiquities but will try to describe its monuments in the context of the extraordinary land in which they stand and the fascinating people who dwell there." It does just that. Palmyra is not so much a guide book as a description of a fascinating place for the gen-eral reader who may never have the good fortune to visit it. But if he does get there he will find this book invaluable. Palmyra, the "Bride of the Desert", is situated on an easis in the Syrian desert midbetween Damascus and the Euphrates. It was thus destined to be a stopping place on one of the ancient trade-routes between the Tigris-Euphrates area and the Mediterranean. The Romans called it Palmyra from the number of its palm-trees, but its real name was, and is, Tad-

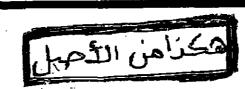
Although occupation here goes back to Neolithic times (before 3000 BC), and history starts as early as 2000 BC. what is to be seen (and this is a great deal) is principally Roman, for Palmyra was incorporated in the Empire about the time of Christ. But it wore its Romanitas with a dif-ference, due chiefly to the in-Parthia. In fact, many oriental fashions got to Palmyra before they got to Rome.

they got to Rome.

The book is divided into three parts: the history of Tadmor-Palmyra, a fascinating account of its rediscovery in the late seventeenth century, and a fully illustrated descrip-tion of the excavated ruins today. The photographs, mostly by the author, are admirable, and are supplemented by reproductions of old prints.

Reynold Higgins





Travel I

Two sides to Barbados



One of the things that always tends to slip the British mind when contemplating the when contemplating the Royal palms on the cast coast of Barbados. Caribbean, particularly those islands which used to be ours,

had during the time we were around the bay and to plunge cane fields all day) and from the United Kingdom. Any there.

It does not take long to set.

So the days passed. We On this visit, I also spent a able to help you if you needed

Having "flown the flag" from Heathrow for several hours, I was certainly anxious to get on to firm ground and begin my visit to the island of Barbados. The flight had been as comfortable as one could expect, but too long on any aircraft is a physically and mentally draining experience. And the anticipation of arrival had sharpened my desire to be at journey's end.

at journey's end.

Four years had passed since I was last on the island. Four years since I had made my way up Highway One from Bridgerown, north along the languid Caribbean shore. Four years since I had walked along the Atlantic beach near Bathsheba, since I had driven through the fields of tall green sugar cane. During those years

Sugar cane. During those years
I had savoured my memories
and they had grown richer
with the passing of time. I was
most anxious to renew old

acquaintance.

My very first minutes on the island were not pleasant ones.

When a couple of Boeing 747s

arrive in quick succession at Grantley Adams Airport, a chaos of monumental proportions ensues—or ensued on the occasion of which I write. My

temper was not greatly im-proved by being told after-

proved by being told atter-wards that all would be smoother and easier "when

the extension comes into operation". (It was, in fact, scheduled to handle its first

passengers last October, so I hope all is now smoother and

the warm evening-the Bajan

taxi driver's attitude towards his and other vehicles, and belief in his supreme ability

had certainly not altered-brought us to the Tamarind

Cove hotel, one of many which

line the west coast. An excel-lent place it proved to be, with a mixture of British and north

American visitors, and not too

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It does not take long to set-Canadians, too, get down there the into a routine under such on modestly priced "package" deals, and one of the arts of good hotel keeping is to get the balance of nationalities from the fine weather. How right. The Tamarind Cove had satisfying to walk along the satisfying to walk along the wide coral sands which curve achieved that, or at least it wide coral sands which curve

What you have to do on Bar-

bados when this point is reached is hire a "Moke" and make the most of mobility. The "Moke" is a vehicle tai-lor-made for the tropics. Open ropped and open sided, it car-ries you around the eleven parishes, the 166 square miles of Barbados, from one shore to another. South from Tamarind Cove, past Buccaneer Bay and Coconut Creek and Paradise past the airport to Crane
Beath and the hotel there. Or north along Highway One, through Holetown and Speighe stown, either to the island's northernmost point and Animai Flower Cave, or across the parishes of St James and St Andrew to the Atlantic Coast.

text, conjuring up images of jetties and loading sheds. Bath-sheba is a delightful place, for

its simplicity makes it delightful. Boats are brought close to

dise Beech, and the relatively new Treasure Beach.

Because the Tamarind Cove is a member of the St James

limbo dancing (which, I am told, originated as an exercise

to straighten backs bent in the

So the days passed. We became used to the pace of the Caribbean. Or, to put it another way, we stopped fretting about slow service at breakfast. Then we entered upon phase two of the holiday. The "don't let's just lie around here, Let's do something by and from the United Kingdom, Any modest cabaret.

On this visit, I also spent a able to help you if you needed help, to do this, and it is a hotel, on the south east corner of the island. A lot of renovation work was in prograess and upon phase two of the holiday. The "don't let's just lie around here, Let's do something phase.

It deserves to describe the United Kingdom, Any competent travel agent would be able to help you if you needed help, to do this, and it is a form of "do-it-yourself" package holiday about which I hope to write in a future article. It is certainly a general development—this linking of a every reason to believe this low price air fare to accommonate the package of the local properties travel agent would be on this visit, I also spent a able to help you if you needed help, to do this, and it is a form of "do-it-yourself" package agent would be on the Crame Beach help, to do this, and it is a form of "do-it-yourself" package agent would be on the Crame Beach help, to do this, and it is a form of "do-it-yourself" package agent would be on the competent travel agent would be on the properties travel agent would be able to help you if you needed help, to do this, and it is a form of "do-it-yourself" package agent would be on the properties travel agent would be able to help you if you needed help, to do this, and it is a form of "do-it-yourself" package agent would be able to help you if you needed help, to do this, and it is a form of "do-it-yourself" package agent would be able to help you if you needed help, to do this, and it is a form of "do-it-yourself" packagent agent would be able location solendid—high widespread. above the beach on which the Atlantic rolls, yet sheltered from the full force of that sea.

Various tour operating comnanies offer inclusive holidays to Barbados, among them Bri-tish Airways' Speedbird, many of whose customers were at the Tamarind Cove during my own visit.
It is also possible, of course,

to buy an advance purchase

The Barbados Tourist Board at 6 Upper Belgrave Street, London, SWIX 8AZ, will provide information about the island, and tour companies which offer hotel and villa holidays there.

The central booking office of Prestige Hotels, mentioned by John Carter in his travel article of January 26, is now: Strand House, Great West Road, Brent-ford, Middlesex TW8 9EX (Tel. 01-568 6841).

Travel II

Hemingway drank here

served hot enough to burn your

lr is still early, so off to the

Rastro, Madrid's sprawling flea market, to join the tens of thousands thronging the stalls

where everything and anything is for sale from shrilly birds in

tiny gilt cages to furniture and tat. Mostly tat. Everyone pushes and shoves and barters. It is like a hundred Petticoat Lanes.

Suddenly it becomes claustro-

phobic but how to get away from this jostling multitude?

We found a narrow side street

that seemed to have only a thousand people in it and walked behind a man pushing

his way through, using a huge antiquated brass bedhead as a

battering ram. What must it be like when the tourists are here

shimmering white against the

Then a final look at the city:

zines leering from bookstalls; throngs outside neon-lit cine-

fingers.

green as if just freshly painted, and the fountains in the fashionable squares played brilliantly in the pale sunshine. Saturday night and dinner in Old Madrid at the Casa Botin in the aptly named Street of the Suckling Pigs, a splendid restaurant on Several floors It all started on the plane with heady talk about the Spanish Civil War, and Ernest Heming-way and Dorothy Parker and way and Dorothy Parker and other literary adventure-seekers who spent their time between dispatches in the bars of wattom Madrid. Were those bars still there, we wondered, and could we find them, or at least one, to drink a salud to their memories and good times? We were en our way to a long weekend break in Madrid, a city not known to every man and his neighbour as, say, Paris or Rome and the prospect restaurant on Several that has served food for 300 years. (On your way up the stairs look into the kitchen at the pork sizzling in the flames in an open oven. Everyone does.) Here you can feast for 18 (even if you get the pig's ear, as I did) including wine served in jugs that are ever filled and Paris or Rome, and the prospect was exhibitating. Cites are not serenaded by troubadours. always ideal winter places, but when we arrived there was Sunday is open air day in Madrid. In the Plaza Mayor the enough sun to make walking in Madrid an invigorating pleasure bars around the cobblestone square are full. Inside most of -particularly as the armies of tourists had not yet descended them smoked hams, looking like old lumps of leather, hang from to fill the restaurents and cafés. hooks and on ledges are rows open-topped misshapen bottles full of vino, ready to be poured. It is time for Tapas, bar snacks all Madrilenians love—shrimps, marinated mussels, croquettes of cod and

For £99, Pegasus Holidays (flight by Monarca Airlines) offered a long weekend at the ritzy four star Los Galgos Hotel (English breakfast included) at the posh end of the city. And you can't do better scoops of salty rice, served on white saucers. We dipped into each other's, but my favourite was champignous in olive oil, than that. Pegasus also arrange coach tours of the city and beyond as extras. We went on three, conducted in our case by a flashing eyed Madrilenian called Conchita, who between describing the delights of her city is a practising lawyer and a champion of women's rights.

But back to Hemingway. On the first day, with help from a resident British correspondent, some close map work and a fast cab, we tracked down the Cerveceria Alemana in Plaza Santa Ana, a delightfully dingy café with wooden panel ling, gas lamps and marbletopped tables, most of them awash with spilt beer, and staffed by sad faced waiters who seemed prepared to serve drinks all night. There was talk, laughter, the clink of glasses, much handshaking and rery large measures. The place had Hemingway written all over

as well and the temperature reaches 100 degrees? Hell could be a better place. A chilled fino restores the It is said that in this bar. drinking daiquiris and watchsenses and we seek out the quiet of the Royal Palace, all ing the waiters, he got the idea-for A Clem, Well Lighted Place, that sombre story of a bar—this one?—two waiters and the old drunken man. True blue sky. hoge buildings, avenues seven car-lanes wide (and not a parkor not, I wouldn't have raised an eyebrow to see his hairy ing meter in sight); massive blocks of flats, their drabness softened by rows of washing chest come slamming through the door. hanging precariously from win-dow ledges; the jarring note of graffiti, and soft porn maga-

Betweeen drinks we met a grizzled American who played small parts in spaghetti westerns and said about as much as Gary Cooper, and a slip of an English girl with a pert face and cold hands who stripped for a living at a nearby club. Next day it was off to the

Prado, where we gorged our selves on the Goyas. Rem-brandts and flesity tints of Rubens' lactes, climbing enough stairs to make you not bother with jogging for a month. The Prado, for all its magni-ficence, seemed too dark inside, and the paintings dusty.

Out on the street the wind was cold and through our taxi window (we didn't pay more than £1 for short journeys) John Carter the bare poplar trees shone mas (Clint Eastwood was everywhere) gipsies sitting oddly on the shaits of their horse-drawn carts, heads jolting up and down with the beat of the hooves;

smart hotels and peeling plaster on centuries old walls. The delightful Conchita The delightful Conchita showed us the clock in the Puerto del Sol by which all Madrid sets its watch. Here, on New Year's Eve, revellers brave enough to stomach the 12 grapes and ear one at every

stroke of the clock to nudnight. A ritual for the young, I thought. But Papa Hemingway would have joined in. Derek Darby Further information from Pegasus Winter City Holidays, 33/35 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1.

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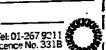
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the shore and the catch un-loaded on to the rocky strand. And there are always boats You can have a fortnight on Barbados from as little as £290. hauled up on the beach, being painted or repaired. If you cater for yourself, you can Of those botels, I have visited, and would certainly live on the castaway's diet of prime steak, flying fish and all the fresh fruit recommend, the Sandy Lane (in my opinion, the island's best) the Buccaneer Bay, Parayou can eat.

lagoons or watch the Atlantic rollers sweep in while sea breezes fan the tropical sunshine. You can sail on the

Beach hotel group, it offers its guests exchange dining faciliguests exchange draing tacilities at the Discovery Bay Inn and the Cotony Club, farther north. We took advantage of this, as I would recommend any visitor to do, for other hotels have similar arrangements. As on many other islands, the Barbados night life is largely confined to the Jolly Roger, the last pirate ship in the Caribbean. And the rum is cheap. But with so many fine hotels, you don't have to shut yourself off from the world. is largely confined to the hotels, and falls into a pattern of steel band entertainment.

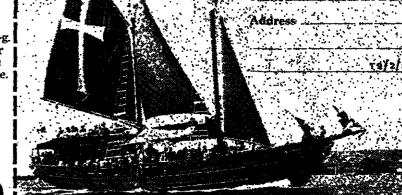
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Can Mr Prior avert a third union war?

The spasm of impotent rage that has convulsed Conservatives in and out of politics this week over the Government's inability instantly and drastically to change trade union law is not yet spent. It may be that the reforms in the Government's Employ-ment Bill will not be in force until the effect of the past few days' clamour for action means almost certainly that the law will contain tougher measures than originally

This places a critical strain on the Cabinet, particularly Mr James Prior, the embattled Secretary of State for Employment. His whole strategy has been to avert a Third War with the union leadership which the Government would be bound to lose as the Wilson and Heath governments lost theirs. With a passion that belies the smear of pussy footing he has been, is still, playing for the highest stakes of national survival as he sees it. His friends regret only that he did not start to man his defences earlier.

The ultimate deterrent Mr Prior seeks is sustained public support for the reforms he is proposing, not a populist reaction that might evaporate at its first trial of strength. Until Christmas, not without fierce disputation with Cabinet colleagues, he had been expressed. he had been carrying the argument.

It is obvious what has gone wrong
—the steel strike coupled with Lord
Denning and his colleagues of the
Appeal Court. The effect of their
ruling, and the House of Lords reversal, was to precipitate emotions over the law as it stands. It cannot he right, rang out the cry from ministers; never let it happen again,

clamoured backbenchers.

Mr Prior had tried heading off the attack. The previous week he had

definitely amend its Bill to restrict immunities, but that made him only vulnerable to the inevitable charge

of too little too late.

Overtly Mr Prior has ended his critical week much as he began it. Last Sunday he was relling radio listeners the Cabinet would not be rushed; the same insistence emerged at the reputedly impressive performance he gave facing down his critics at Thursday's overflow private meeting of the 1922 Committee of all Conservative backbenchers. But that is not the whole story.

Others had envisaged a different scenario. The militant leader writers of The Daily Telegraph also ended of The Daily Telegraph also ended their week much as they began. On Monday they told us "It may be no exaggeration to say that the coming week will seal the face of the Thatcher administration . . ". By Friday they suggested that a "handful of ministerial resignations" might be weekgraphs of the catastrophe of

be preferable to the catastrophe of having Mrs Thatcher besitate much longer and "dissipate the country's resolve for firm action". The thoroughly disgrunded Daily Express editorially thundered at Mr. Thatcher: "If you don't act now the writing will be on the tombstone of the Tory Government."

The quotes are reproduced to illustrate for those who missed the crisis why Mr Prior's friends began

crisis why Mr Prior's friends began suspecting that a campaign was being waged, and that hostile Cabinet manisters had a hand in it.

Hurriedly they reacted, trumpeting the hitherto unsung "tough" character of the measures already in the Bill. Mr Prior swooped at very short notice into the standing Commons committee considering his Bill; he wisely grabbed whatever broadcasting time he could, and was only too

Some Cabinet members want to seize the hour, almost as if there were no tomorrow

eager to take on the 1922 Committee. His difficulty was that when MPs His difficulty was that when MPs returned from their constituencies after last weekend, they were full of the exasperation of their supporters, ordinary and business folk alike. Discontent was instamly channelled into an impressive sounding Commons "early day" motion, by Mr Tony Marlow, the Sandhurst educated MP for Northampton North, which nearly 100 Conservatives signed. Rather like a Tribunite motion put down against a Tribunite motion put down against Mr Callaghan it boldly summoned the Government to live up to its election manifesto aud—as if the Prior Bill did not exist—"to introduce immediate legislation to restore

duce immediate legislation to restore industrial equity. Some signatories had so skimmed their homework that when examined on what extra they wanted had to be told—regarding secondary picketing and the closed shop—that it was already in Mr Prior's Bill. Others were told that if they wanted to prevent private (rather than BSC) steel workers picketing their own place of work they would have to outlaw the work they would have to outlaw the right to strike altogther. A few sheepishly admitted to having signed without reading—by no means an ex-

ceptional practice at Westminster.

But Mr Prior's task with Cabinet colleagues proved more difficult. He was unhappy to be stalled by them on Wednesday when he produced draft proposals for limiting union immunities in secondary industrial action. He wanted us all to be reading the paper by now. They wan-ted him to go back and find even tougher options; next week should see the product.

There is, incidentally, nothing new in Mr Prior embracing the proposal to have unions bear their share of supporting members on strike. He promised as much to the Conservative conference last October; also we may expect other legislation this year to curb social security benefits for strikers and their families.

The Cabinet's present intention, according to my information, is that the pending amendment will be confined to the vexed question of reducing the very wide immunities unions presently enjoy from civil pursuit for damages from employers who become victims of secondary action. The issue

agree is how narrow to define that immunity, and how to punish eventual defiers without making martyrs. One ministerial view was that the

more one goes into the matter the more one realizes how difficult it is. But some members of the Cabinet want to seize the hour, almost as if there were no tomorrow. They believe that the opportunity for tough action will not repeat itself, and that its now or never. So there may be a majority for toughening this intri-cacy more than Mr Prior intended.

The trouble with raising expects tions is whether after all the fuss, the spectators will be impressed. Will the "markets" in the City be setting as much store by how the Govern-ment handles the steel settlement and union reform as by the Budget? Will the public, although depicted in opinion polls to favour actions against union power, stay constant if they feel their own union interest threatened? A key Prior argument has been to insist on doing nothing to alienate union support the Conservatives gained at the last election. If the Cabinet now abetted a TUC scare over union bashing might not that support melt away, much as did opinion poll majorities in Mr Callaghan's time who favoured wage restraint except for themselves? And would not Labour at last have an issue around which to unite?

The idea of building a "base camp" with this Bill, and if it holds a limb bioker to further measures.

to climb higher to further measures is one credited to Mr Patrick Mayhew, QC. He is junior minister and very much the lawver in Mr Prior's department, and close supporter of Mrs Thatcher. Will she accept that it means a hard slog for the bearers rather than an exhilarating dash for



How one man broke the sales sound barrier at Sotheby's

Mr Peter Wilson rences as multi-million properties for chairman of Socheby's on Mon-day, a post that he has held since 1958. It is difficult not ing. to see his departure as the end of an era. Because the glamoror an era because the grantorous, highly publicized, investment minded art market of
today is essentially his creation. His personality has dominated the development of the
art trade since the war and

revolutionized auctioneering. When Mr Wilson took over Sothebys in 1958 the turnover was £5.8m (including unsold lots); last year it topped £180m (excluding unsold lots). He has been the architect of the vast international expansion of the firm Most significant, perhaps, was the acquisition in 1964 of the New York auctioneers Parke Bernet whose turnover now rivals London. But there are also the Amsterdam, Zurich, Monte Carlo, Florence, Hong Kong and Los Angeles sales.

Sothebys has been trans-formed into a vast international wholesaler of art and antiques. Art market transactions have moved from behind the closed doors of discreet and confidential art dealers, into the open auction areas and glare of television lights.

When I asked him what he considered his major achievement Mr Wilson underlined this. "Before 1958 I was always told - or rather, the general view was — rhat it was impossible to sell an object worth upwards of £40,000 at auction. Around £30,000 was considered the limit. Having broken that sound barrier is, I rhink, what are most proud of." In fact he achieved this at

the very start of his reign. It was in 1958, just after he took over the chairmanship, that Sotheby's held the milestone Goldschmidt sale of Impressionist pictures. The sevent superb Impressionist paintings were sent to London from America for sale in a blaze of publicity; the highest price was for a Cezanne at £220,000, the lowest for a Maner at £65,000. Bur he has built steadily on this, convincing an ever increas-ing number of people that to sell at auction is the way to get top prices for their posses-sions. The £18m Von Hirsch collection sale of 1978 was the latest, most spectacular ex-ample. Prices on individual enamels went as high as £1.2m — a far cry from £40.000. What ie-more the public have been gently cajoled into looking on their art works as liquid assets, repositories of wealth which can be realized at any time by returning the art work to the sale room.

This has generated a major increase in the number of people buying works of art, and an even larger increase in the sums of money they are prepared to invest in any single object.

out that Christie's are also international wholesalers of art, while the Sotheby achievement has been a team effort. However, Christie's have unquestionably followed Sotheby's lead, and the staff of Sotheby's would be the first to admit that they look on their chairman as a genius—a thoroughly tiresome one at times, perhaps—and that his judgment is depended on in matters both great and small. He has helped sort out a porter's matrimonial problems in

Tall with his hair now receding, Mr Peter Wilson is an old Etonian with the characteristic elongated vowel sounds and tailor-made suits. Born in 1913, he was the third son of Sir Matthew Wilson, Bt. of Eshton Hall, Yorkshire, and the Hon.

Barbara Lister, daughter of the
4th Baron Ribblesdale.
From Eton he proceeded to
New College, Oxford, but left
without a degree in pursuit of a job to support a wife. He married Grace Ranken in 1935 whom he had mer when studying German in Hamburg; their marriage was later dissolved.

His first job was with Reuter but lasted only a couple of months. He had a number of other short lived jobs in journa-lism and ended up on The Connoisseur promoting circula-tion. It was from there that he bought his first shares in Sotheby's in 1938. From 1941 to 1946 he worked for MI6, first in London and St Albans and then in Washington.

In 1946 he returned to Sotheby's, at first taking charge of the works of art department. ln 1951 he moved across to run the picture side, sensing that it was here that the more sensational coups were to be

In fact, the first characteristically Wilson style coup was achieved before he took over the chairmanship. In 1954 Sotheby's were employed as consultants by the Egyptian government for the sale of King Farouk's art collection after Nasser had seized power. Sotheby's catalogued the collection though they were not

permitted to take the auction which lasted 27 days.

There were immensely complex legal, political and financial problems involved in running the sale, for instance ensuring that dealers from several different countries were

trol restrictions. A preparedness to tackle very complicated tax and legal problems for the sake of securing a major collection for sale is characteristic of Mr Wilson's style. On one occasion, for instance, be persuaded the American government to act on behalf of all the creditors of a bankcollection for sale at Sotheby's; unpaid tax was, naturally,

among his major liabilities. On the day I spoke to him Mr Wilson had woken at 6.30 am and cracked straight into work, reading papers and mak-ing phone calls—his staff have to get used to the early morning telephone bell. He generally leaves Sotheby's around 7.0 or 7.30 in the evening. In fact, he lives, eats and breathes Sotheby's.

While retiring as chairman,

he remains a director of Sotheby's with special responsibility for generating inter-national business. "I shall have to try not to be obsessed with Sotheby's", he says sadly. He plans to use the eighteenth century mansion outside Grasse, in the South of France, which he bought 15 years ago as his base, and travel extensively.

It is handy for Monte Carlo where Sotheby's hold major sales three times a year, but he won't be able to keep more than a long distance finger in Sotheby's London pie.

Geraldine Norman Salesroom Correspondent

Michael Frenchman takes a fresh look at the Norsemen and their tarnished reputation

Finding a good word for the poor old Vikings

The Viking exhibition opens at the British Museum on February 14 until July 20.

"Vikings!" was the cry that echoed round our shores a ectoed round our shores a thousand and more years ago. It was a cry heard throughout the wastes of Russia, past the Caspian Sea and into the Middle East, and across the Atlantic to Greenland and North America. But who were the Vikingra Waste the Caspian of the Middle East, and across the Atlantic to Greenland and North America. But who were the Vikings? Were they really barbarians who raped our women, plundered our towns and villages? Were they really such bad news? The short answer is no, at least not answer is

entirely.

In the words of Dr David M.
Wilson, director of the British
Museum, and a leading authority on the Vikings " they had a bad press, their image was wrong. Now Dr Wilson and other leading historians and ness of trying to put the record right with as much verve and enthusiasm, not to mention money, as though the whole campaign had been planned by Saarchi and Saatchi

The Vikings, of course, did not exist as such. There were no people named "vikings". One of the most likely explanations is that the term comes from a word generally thought to have been used to describe a voyage to a foreign land—the expression being to "go a viking" (to go on a trip) as Dr Thor Heyerdahl puts it. Hence these people who came from the Nordic countries became known as "vikings".

In fact these Norsemen from Denmark, Southern Sweden, and Norway were incredible marine architects and shipbuilders who made a technolo-gical breakthrough with the design of a whole family of ships from raiding vessels, to great cargo carriers and small

coestal fishing craft.

They ranged the seas and rivers of Europe and the Mediterranean far and wide. They were not so much raiders as aggressive commercial travellers establishing trading posts from Istanbul to Labrador; Dr Charlotte Blindheim, director of the University Museum in Oslo, is a fervent supporter of the "trader not raider" image



Pre-Viking graves at old Upsala, Sweden: archaeological discoveries elsewhere support the 'trader not raider' image

ten to fifteen years. After much speculation and several hoaxes only diligent archaeological fieldwork by two other Norwegians, Helge and Anne Ingstad, has estab-lished the definite existence of a Viking settlement and trading post in Newfoundland. Substautial villages and farms existed on nearby Greenland across the Davis Strait.

Two of the most remarkable discoveries to support the trader theory are the excavatrader theory are the extava-tions at York and Dublin which have shown that the Vikings had established major trading statious in each place.

It was in 793 A.D. that a hit-and-run commando raid on the monastery at Lindisfarne not only signified the beginning of Viking era as we know but also gave them a press image with disastrous consequences which lasted for more than a thousand years.

True, the long boats filled with heavily armed warriors (no borned belmets—only tourist advertisements picture them like that) appeared out of the "trader not raider" image the blue and after terrorizing borne out by the remarkable the place vanished as fast as archaeological discoveries that they had come. According to

Dr Wilson, the Irish monks, they formed the Varangian always prone to exaggeration, guard, an elite corps who always prone to exaggeration, made the most of it and the spread-watch out for those devil Vikings.
They appreciated beauty and form. Look at the exquisite shape of the famous Gokstad ship at Oslo, one of the most aesthetically pleasing techno-logical designs in the world, but perhaps not quite so sea-worthy as all that. Then they had fine weapons and rich, but not ornate, jewelry in silver and gold. They could also be gentle, generous and garrulous in conversation, especially after a pair or two of home brew. millenium earlier.

Drinking, for instance, got them a terrible name according And as traders today the to Magnus Magnusson, who cites the case of a Viking ship's visit to Portland, in Dorset, where a drunken brawl apparcommerce.

ently resulted in the death of Viking expeditions pushed south to Constantinople where rradition started with the long ships. One of the greatest

haps one of their least known exploits is their participation in the wars of the Crusade and their attacks on the Moslem cities of the Middle East, especially the Mediterranean especially the mediterranean changed slightly. Modern Scandinavians still go to war, but as members of the United Nations Peace Keeping Forces, who by a twist of fate are often more than active in the same part of the Middle East as their

Scandinavians have followed in the footsteps of their forbears —in shipping, aviation and

Great trading houses, like the Danish East Asiatic Company, span the globe carrying on the

impacts on modern society has been the influence of Scandinavian design, especially in architecture and in the home with its naturally, cool, clean practicality. All this and more has come

from the Vikings. Continued research and new interpretations of the old Norse sagas and other works shows us another often forgonen role—that of the warring missionary. The Vikings blazed a trail for Christianity often in a true baptism of fire across the north Atlantic beginning with the Faroe Islands, then to Iceland and on to Greenland and the new world of America where the first Christian Viking, brother of Leif Erikson, was buried, according to the sagas. Interest in the Vikings has

revived considerably since the 1960s as more and more discoveries have been made, particularly in Denmark and southern Norway and Sweden

as well as those in the British Isks. These archaeological explorations, which perhaps had their turning point in Denmark with the finding of the Roskilde ships in 1957 and the continuing excavations at Hedeby. have thrown new light on this hitherto dark and tumukous period of history.

It might he said that part of

this image projection, or correction, and a reflection of the increasing interest are the reasons why the exhibition on the Vikings is being held at the British Museum from February 14 onwards until July 20. It then goes to the Metropolitan Museum, New York, where it opens in September. exhibition is sponsored Times Newspapers in associa-tion with SAS (Scandinavian Airlines System) and with tinancial assistance from the Airlines Cultural Fund of the Nordic Council of Ministers. It represents a major attempt

to bring together for the first time many items of the Viking period from museums not only in the Nordic countries them selves but from other museums and collections in many

SPORTS DIARY

Well-spent youth on the baize table

If mastery with the cue was once dismissed by Herbert Spencer as the result of a misspent youth, events at the hilliard table have done much in recent years to invalidate his claim. Anyone earning £4,500 at snooker as first prize for five days' work, for instance, can hoast of a youth very well spent At the Benson and Hedges

Masters tournament, now near-ing finality at the Wembley Conference Centre, an added incentive to the total of £14,000 in prize money was an offer of £10,000 for the first man to make the maximum break of 147 (15 reds, 15 blacks and all the colours). What the odds are against this happening in a fiveday tournament involving 10 men is hard to say for an occurrence as rare as the hole-in-one

1955, at the Leicester Square Hall against Willie Smith, could not have envisaged the mone-tary potential his accomplish-ment would have in later years.

The careers of most of the competitors at the Masters tournament tell the familiar story of the hard climb to fame from humble beginnings in coalmining, steelworkers' and other similar environments. Alex "Hurricane" Higgins, born in Belfast, was a former appren-tice jockey. Whether they enlivened life in those spheres I do not know, but as artists they have brought to the world of snooker a mordant sense of humour.

The show began each day at the conference centre with the dimming of the surrounding lights and the spotlight rest-ing temporarily on the Master Ceremonies who first presented the two charming hostesses on either side of him. The wolf whistles which accompanied the announcement on the first afternoon were not repeated. Next was the introduction of the contestants emerging one at a time like

of chalk. It all added up to Right to the point

the local customs officer.

There is a history behind the introduction of the tip of the cue from which generates all complex shots in the snooker players repertoire. They owe it all to a French

captain named Mingaud who spent much of his time in a Paris jail experimenting with a tipped cue. On his release from prison in 1807 he surprised everybody with his cuemanship but not until the 1820s was chalk introduced as the medium for the leather tip to grip the ball more effectively. The public never seemed to

tire of watching the struggle in the centre of the arena which the Canadian Cliff Thorburn described at the pitch where. while one contestant was in action the other was reduced to a human cue-rack pondering the consequences of his mistakes and wondering when the other man was going to finish. Some players, like Fred dubbed as the Sultan of Snooker and the Emperor of Pot, who made this break on January 20, chain, but a cue and a piece of players, like Proche the players, like Proche players,

red not to talk. "I want every-one to know that they don't enjoy playing me, which is one of the reasons why I don't talk too much until after the game is over", he said. Thorburn spoke of bigger pockets in Canada, of differences in the nap and how in his early campaign at the conference centre he had to hit the ball much harder than he did in Canada and felt as if he was shovel-ling coal. By the time he was beaten in the quarter-final round by Terry Griffiths, he was anything but a shoveller.

This great match has been a sell-out, but when the interval arrived a large number of seats had not been filled. Several hundred people, caught up in a heavy shower and traffic congestion near the Wembley stadium where England were playing football against the Republic of Ireland, could not get to the snooker tournament in time. Many of them, when they arrived, were deceived by the scoreboard which, probably caught up in the tension of a dramatic moment, showed Thorburn leading Griffiths by three frames to one. The correct position was two frames all. The score could actually have

been 3-1 in favour of Thor-burn after the most closely fought of the eight frames played in which luck played as big a part as skill. Griffiths had seen the cue ball disappear into a pocket. Then attempting to clear the table, of a pocket and Griffiths avidly swallowed it helping himself to the black as well. The scoreboard was adjusted for the start of the second half of the match whereupon the football score was announced as: Kevin Keegan 2, Rest of the World 0.

Playing up

Taking a more philosophic view of snooker Thorburn described it as a game in which no player can really get steamed up, unlike tennis when each competitor has a chance to limber up on court. When playing snooker he said, the whole body is inactive except the arm. There was, he admitted, plenty of scope for prac-tice but this took place at least a couple of hours before a snooker match began.

Ray Reardon, as immacu-lately dressed as the others, the

waistcoat being an essential part of the ensemble, outlined the strict mathematical accuracy, concentration, keen sight and the stamina which the game demands. He scratched and scraped a great deal before he found his touch against Dennis Taylor, saying after the march that it was not the question of winning or losing that bothers a professional but the embarrassment of not plaving well. As chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association he was trying to project the image that it was the quality of the play that matters more than the result.

Good loser

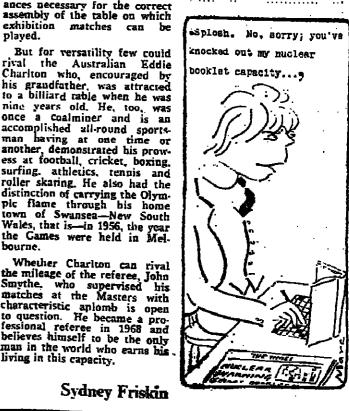
Reardon, who was once a miner and later a policeman in Stoke, is of that philosophy which puts failure in its place with laughter. It comes easily to him in conversation. He has his own road show and can bring the game to anyone's doorstep provided they have the right facilities. His brother Ron and cousin John cooperate in the transportation of five hundredweight of slate slabs, cloth, cushions and all the appurten-

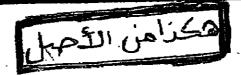
assembly of the table on which exhibition matches can be played. But for versatility few could

rival the Australian Eddie Charlton who, encouraged by his grandfather, was attracted to a billiard table when he was nine years old. He, too, was once a coalminer and is an accomplished all-round sportsman having at one time or another, demonstrated his prowess at football, cricket, boxing. surfing, athletics, tennis and roller skaring. He also had the distinction of carrying the Olym-pic flame through his home town of Swansea—New South Wales, that is—in 1956, the year the Games were held in Mel.

Whether Charlton can rival the mileage of the referee, John Smythe, who supervised his matches at the Masters with characteristic aplomb is open to question. He became a professional referee in 1968 and believes himself to be the only man in the world who earns bis living in this capacity.

Sydney Friskin





Site for The Games

Sir, There is much to be said for the view that the Olympic Games should find a permanent home in Greece, especially since the Greek

Government has generously offered not only to provide the necessary land but even to cede sovereignty

over it to an international body

While agreeing that the Games ought to be held in the neighbour-

hood of Olympia, their original home in antiquity I should as an archaeologist find it alarming if the

necessarily extensive facilities were to be built at Olympia itself, or even

nerable. On the Acropolis at Athens, for example, it has become necessary

to protect not only the ancient buildings but even the rock of the

Acropolis itself from the constant wear of visitors' feet. The site of Olympia is much more fragile than

the Acropolis, and the damage that

could be done by sudden large in-fluxes of visitors is incalculable. To avoid an archaeological disaster the

new Olympia must be some distance

these considerations may help to solve the problem of where to build

the sports complex and the Olympic

village. Ancient Olympia lies some

twelve miles from the sea, and there

would be plenty of room in the coastal plain for the new Olympia; there are even lagoons that might

be used for sailing. The Olympic torch, traditionally kindled in the

ancient site, could easily be brought over this distance by runners to the

opening ceremony. It might even be

possible to run the marathon by a

suitable route from anciem Olympia

respects the ruins of Olympia should

for their protection be kept apart from the modern Games.

B. F. COOK. Keeper of Greek and

Sir. There are disonieting reasons

for believing that the Government

is dismantling the little protection that exists for listed buildings in

public ownership as a political sweetener for the cuts. Recently a

test case was fought by national and

local conservation societies, including the Norting Dale History Centre, over the Silchester Baths, a magnificent Victorian complex

owned by the Royal Borough of

Kensington and Chelsea. The borough had consistently refused to

discuss retention although the cost

of conversion and rebuilding were

comparable. A public enquiry was

held before a DoE Inspector in April 1979 and we have been waiting for the Minister's decision in the light of the inspector's report,

up to now with some confidence.

once been refused consent to de-

molish a listed building has never

been granted consent on a second

application, unless a reasonable

attempt has been made to find a use

tor it with no success. (In our case,

abundant evidence of plans for constructive use were put forward.)

This principle—in irself a weak enough expression of the nation's

will to protect its finite stock of fisted buildings—is now apparently in danger of being scrapped.

Recent applications by public authorities for the demolition of listed buildings have been treated

with a new indulgence. The Mini-ter is allowing British Rail to de-molish the last Georgian building

in central Manchester, overturning his inspector's recommendation. Now

there are rumours that the Inspec-

tor's recommendation on the Ken-

sington Conncil's application is in

danger of baing reversed. Perhaps the demolition of the Manchester Arms Hotel is defensible on the grounds of cost. The demolition of

the Kensington Eaths is not. Instead,

it would set an important precedent

that would encourage public auth-orities to ignore listed building

The prospect must fill with alarm all those who care about our heritage. We hope we are wrong about our case, and that the Minister's

decision will restore the confidence

of the many groups fovolved in preserving the Suchester Baths, and

in similar conservation projects all

Chairman, Notting Dale History Centre, 22 Clarendon Road, W11.

egislation.

over the country.

NICOLAS BARKER,

Buried treasure

Yours.

Until recently, an owner who has

Yours faithfully,

February 7.

Roman Antiquities.

The British Museum

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Historic buildings

From Mr Nicolas Barker

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All archaeological sites are vul-

near Olympia

From Mr B. F. Cook



WE HAVE BAD LAWS AND WE MUST PUT THEM RIGHT

The trouble with Mr Prior—or can, if they choose, counter is it, perhaps, his strength?—is almost any lawful move which that he does not have a conceptual mind. He is at the oppotential mind. He is at the oppotential formula for the does not have a conceptual mind. He is at the oppotential formula for the does not have a conceptual mind. He is at the oppotential formula for the does not have a conceptual mind. site end of the scale from the French intellectual who argues from defined premises to clear conclusions by a rigorous pro-cess of logic. It is more as though he were a sloth, or some other modest and short-sighted animal, feeling his way forward through dense undergrowth, turning aside to avoid a rock on one side or a puddle on the other, and always with an alert sense for the possible presence of predators.

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Mr Prior is not alone in British political history in being such a man. Some of our most skilful prime ministers have had these characteristics. Stanley Baldwin even had the peculiar habit of smelling books rather than reading them, as though the sense of smell were a more reliable guide 10 politics than the capacity to reason. Perhaps it is. Mr Callaghan has been just such another; it is notable that Baldwin, Callaghan and Prior have all found themselves to windward of the proposal to reform trade union law and have all scented danger in such a proposal. Softly, softly" has been their common maxim, but no monkeys have ever been caught.

The truth is that a politician would need to have a conceptual mind to recognize the way in which trade union law relates to the other issues of government policy. He would need to believe in ideas. He would have to see the reform of trade union law as an idea which has an impact on other policies. Without a rational system of trade union law Britain cannot have a rational system of pay and productivity bargaining; without a rational system of pay bargaining, Britain cannot be competitive in industry; without being competitive in industry, Britain cannot be stable economically; without being stable economically Britain cannot be stable politically; without political stability no government can expect to succeed or survive; therefore without a rational system of trade union law the present Conservative Government is doomed. That is the chain of ideas Mr Prior should be invited to sniff at.

Although many different weapons are employed in industrial disputes, they should not be seen in terms simply of their methods. A trade dispute is concerned with reaching a bargain between the employer and the employed. The bargain may be hetter or worse from case to case, but will be determined in the average of cases by the relative strength of the positions of the two parties. If the one party is very strong and the other is very weak, then the bargain will be made so as to favour the

Legal position is crucial

What weapons are available in such a dispute depends on the state of the law. There are many actions which employers could take to strengthen their position and there are also many actions open to the trade unions. In most countries the law limits both sides. Some at least of the actions open to an employer are either prevented by law or open the employer to an action for damages. In most countries the same is true on the trade union

side. In Britain, as a result of legislation by the Labour Government in 1974 and 1975 and of earlier legislation going back to 1906 and even further, this natural symmetry of law has heen destroyed Employers indeed are subject to very considerable restraints on their freedom of action. The freedom of action of trade unions is virtually absolute; recent decisions by the House of Lords have tended to extend the area of total legal immunity which the

trade unions enjoy.

Anyone who has had direct experience of a major industrial dispute knows how crucial the legal conditions are. No employer goes through such a dispute without consulting specialist legal advisers. The trade unions enjoy so wide an immunity that they

into trade disputes is absurd; it is already there. The question is not "whether law?" but "what law?". At present we have law?". At present we have Michael Foot's law.
Take, not to rehash the issues

but as a matter of experience, one of the crucial passages in the dispute at Times Newspapers. Times Newspapers' management wanted to reach a bargain which would exchange higher pay for higher productivity. The offered bargain was not acceptable to the unions. Times Newspapers at one point contemplated printing overseas and did actually print one issue of The Times for circulation overseas. This was stopped by international action, which itself turned out to involve unlawful action in terms of German law by the German priot union. The action of the British union, the National Graphical Association, was entirely lawful in terms of British law.

Effective use of secondary action

The National Graphical Association threatened at one point to extend the dispute to Thomson regional newspapers, with whom they had no dispute. Under the House of Lords' ruling such an extension would also have been entirely lawful. It was decided not to continue with overseas publication even for overseas sale in the light both of the actions and threats of the union, and the dispute never was extended. Nevertheless the union power of secondary action altered the whole balance of the main dispute, depriving the employers of the effective capacity to take an action which put pressure on the union, and giving the union a weapon of pressure against the employers.

As a result, it was not until much later, when the relative bargaining positions were brought nearer equality, by a genuine concern on the part of the unions that jobs would be irretrievably lost, that a reasonable settlement could finally be reached. With a different framework of law the fifty week Times Newspapers stoppage might never have happened, or might have been settled earlier, and might well have produced a greater productivity gain with less disruption. The law condictioned the real bargaining power of the parties at every

stage. We refer to our own experience as an illustration of the principle that it is the balance of the law, the balance between what it is lawful for the employer to do and what it is lawful with immunity for the trade union to do, which determines the existence, the timing or the outcome of the dispute. Disputes are decided by bargaining power, and bargaining power is in large part determined by The real bargain between

employer and employed is a bargain between pay and productivity. If the employer is strong, he is able to secure a higher improvement of productivity for a given increase of pay. If the union is strong, the union is able to secure a higher increase of pay for a lower improvement of productivity. That, essentially, is what the steel dispute is about. Indeed the phrase "money on the table" means money without a productivity equivalent. To some degree, this pay-productivity ratio is to be found in virtually all trade disputes. Now, in this sense, the public interest is on the side of the employer, for the public interest is to raise the national level of productivity. Yet the law has been written as though the union's interest was

automatically that of the public, though the stronger union bargaining power is, the lower the rate of increase in productivity. It is unreasonable and indeed unjust for the Government to commit employers to fighting the battle for productivity while failing to change the balance of the law from what was set by Mr Michael Foot. The law was set so as to give advantage to the trade unions to the highest possi-

ble degree relative to the employers. They have an overwhelming advantage. It is inevitable that while such a law determines the outcome of pay and productivity bargains settle-ments will be inflationary in terms of pay and disastrous in terms of productivity. That has been the character of most settlements of the last year.
This central balance will be

little affected by Mr Prior's Bill as it stands at present. He is right not to hasten on the Bill in order to try and affect the steel dispute, but he was wrong to introduce a weak Bill and is wrong to want to keep it inadequate. The structure of trade union law is too important and too complex a matter to hang on a particular dispute, however serious. Yet the Bill, as originally introduced, would have had little or no effect on the balance of power, outside the limitation of secondary picketing, and even abuses of secondary picketing would have given no recourse to the unions' own funds in damages.

It will do little good to eliminate the immunity in secondary picketing unless the immunity is removed from all secondary action. If some kinds of secondary action have their immunity removed while other kinds of secondary action, say secondary strikes, retain their immunity, then the trade unions will use those weapons which are immune by law, even if they have to forgo weapons which are not. We shall have less picketing but more strikes; the effective-ness of trade union power will not be reduced, and the damage may be increased. To affect the balance of bargaining power, and make the balance more equal, it would be necessary to deprive all secondary actionpicketing, blacking and striking —of their immunity, and to give recourse to trade union funds in damages.

The need to curb excessive power

Mr Prior's Bill also deals, but only in the most minor way, with a different but extremely important question—that of union democracy. More than half the workers of this country belong to unions. There is no standard in law for the rules of the unions to which they belong. Some unions have satisfactory rules, but, so far as the law is concerned, the unions do not have to consult their members; they do not have to have ballots, either for the election of their officials or for deciding whether to strike or not, nor do the officials have to be elected regularly or in some cases at all. Some unions have a most undemocratic provision which means that their most powerful officials are at some stage elected for life. Members who do not want to strike, and perhaps suspect that a strike may destroy their livelihood, may be called out by officials who may not have been elected in any adequate or democratic way and may not be subject to recall. Most unions have democratic elements in their constitutions, but there is no specific requirement at law, and many of the rule books are grossly defective in terms of democratic accountability.

It is obviously desirable that trade union reform should cover the powers of trade unions on the one hand and should cover trade union democracy on the other. Mr Prior should now amend his present Bill so that it deals effectively with at least some aspects of the problems of excessive trade union power. He should then in the next session be prepared to introduce a Bill which gives the members of trade unions what they are absolutely entitled to, which is a guarantee of democratic procedure in the operation of their unions. This is by no means an extreme proposal; higher productivity for Britain, equality

of rights under the law, democratic accountability in trade unions are not partisan objectives; who, after all, advocates lower productivity, inequality before the law, or undemocratic trade unions? We have bad laws

and we must put them right.

More worrying still is his asser-tion that "A foetus which has barely started to be able to cobarely started to be able to coordinate its senses and certainly
cannor make choices cannot be
described as a person". What,
therefore, can be Professor Thorpe's
opinion of mentally handicapped
persons—children and adults? Are
they non-persons in his vocabulary?
Wasn't this the thinking behind
Hitler's extermination of the

Yours faithfully, IOHN HOAR, Yores Studio. Ockman's Lane. East Street, Rye,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Government and the unions: bridging the gulf

From Mr Robert Daines

Sir, Professor Rees (letter, February 6) argues that changes in

industrial structure, as represented

by the proposed contraction of the steel industry in South Wales, are,

in the short term, painful to those involved and costly to the jest of us. What he does not say is that such

changes are also necessary in the interests of long-term economic pro-

To artificially maintain employ-

ment in industries where demand is falling or which are interna-

tionally uncompetitive is fruitless and prevents the reallocation of resources into growth sectors. Much

of the decline in Britain's economic fortunes discussed in your columns surely has its origins in a resistance to and inability to cope with change. Attempting to fossilize the industrial structure, as Professor Rees would have us do it hardly an answer.

have us do, is hardly an answer.

City Engineering (Bristol) Ltd.

Sir, In your editorial concerning the dismissal of Mr Derek Robinson, the AUEW convenor at the BL Longbridge plant (February 7), you criticize the executive of the AUEW (February 2) for the AUEW (February 2) for the statement of the statem

(Engineering Section) for their failure to deal with the right of an individual to express a view contrary to that held by the majority

As a member of the Labour Party.

I am concerned at your suggestion that Mr Robinson should be dismissed for publishing this booklet. Although I am opposed to many of

the policies advocated by the Con-

servative Government, are you sug-

gesting that I refrain from cam-

paigning against them on the grounds that I hold a minority

Moreover, am I further to assume

that Bernard Levin should cease his support for the minority of indi-viduals in the Soviet Union on the

grounds that the government's policies are supported by the over-

In a country that governs by democracy, we have always advo-cated that minorities have the right

to express their views. Although the

majority of employees at BL may disagree with Mr Robinson he.

nonetheless, has the fundamental right to express his views.

whelming majority of citizens?

Fishponds Trading Estate,

Yours faithfully.

7 Maggs Lane,

of employees.

riewpoint 2. -

February 6.

Director.

ROBERT DAVIES. .

From Mr Allan Kerr

From the General Secretary, Engin-ver' and Managers' Association Sir. The Government is coming under intense pressure to introduce still tougher legislation to deal with stin tougher legislation to deal with secondary industrial action. It will make a bad mistake to yield to it. The pressure has arisen from the circumstances of the steel strike. To yield to it would be to place the blame, politically, for the steel strike on the steel unions. This would be regarded by virtually all shades of opinion in the trade union movement as a vindictive reaction to the strike, the blame for which actually lies fairly and squarely on gross mis-handling by the Government, assisted by palpable industrial relations naivety at the ton of British
Steel. These are widespread
opinions, not just my own.
If the Government is having

further thoughts about the Employment Bill it should take stock of ment Bill it should take stock of where its hard line policy is taking it. It it really content that 50,000 jobs should be axed in Wales in just a few months time? Is it really out of the question for the Welsh TUC's proposal for a two year transitional period even to be considered? Surely the Government does not desire to spread hitterness and divi-

desire to spread bitterness and divi-sion in our society?

Then there is the Government's attitude to the unions. Basically this stems to be to carry on as if they do not exist. At least, it is carrying out its industrial policies as if they do not exist, and, to the extent that they do, as in steel, that they must simply be beaten down. I know there are meetings from time to time, but it is evident that there is no com-munication, and one gets the im-pression that that is how the Government wishes to have it. Does the Government really think this is

realistic ? My main point is that instead of striking, or appearing to strike, divisive—and even on occasions divisive—and even on occasions vindictive—artitudes, thereby turning our beleagured industry into a battlefield, the Government ought to be trying to find ways to bridge gulfs that are rapidly and most dangerously widening. That is so even though it is true, as we all know it to be, that we have massive problems of industrial inefficiency to overcome. But this country simply to overcome. But this country simply cannot afford to return to the bitterness and entrenched antagonisms of the 1920s and 1930s. I accept with-out reservation that we in the trade unions have to play our part, and it is a major part. So do the great majority of my trade union colleagues. But the Government has to give the lead. Yours faithfully.

JOHN LYONS, General Secretary, Engineers' and Managers' Association,

Station House Fox Lane North, Chertsey, Surrey.

Primary maths teaching

Sir. The story of Schnabel accusing

Einstein of not being able to count when they were playing planoforte

duets may have some relevance to

the misconceptions and muddled

values regarding the teaching of

ren who require and respond to a

meaningful and structured curricu-

lum of basic numeracy for their

future citizenship needs. There are

also the gifted minority of young

also the gired unintrivo of young talented natural mathematicians who require a wider and more specialized course in school for stretching to the full their mathe-

matical thinking and imagination.

Unfortunately, over many years

an erroneous assumption has been

held by many egalitarian-inspired educationalists that all children

can become gifted mathematicians,

if merely given the so-called en-

lightened treatment of liberal open-

ended "discovery" teaching methods and involving them super-

ficially in every sophisticated mathematical idea from the sieve of Eratosthenes to the Fibonacci series.

The results, as we know, have been futile and disastrous. Far from

becoming budding mathematicians children, by being denied the neces-

sary formal instruction and exer-

cise to achieve basic numeracy, have often left school without the arith-metical skills life demands.

in the vast majority of primary schools teachers are well aware of the problem involved with the need to provide for both future citizen

and budding mathematician, though it has to be admitted full provisions

for the latter require an expertise of teaching and organization that is rarely available in primary schools

at the moment.

D. R. BOWES,

am, yours truly,

Headmaster. Northgate School. Cricketfield Lane.

Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

Australians at cricket

Sir. As an Australian resident in Britain I applaud the justice of your

editorial criticism of my country-men's behaviour during the recent "Test cricket" series. My only con-sulation is that it was not always thus and, perhaps when the Aust-ralian Cricket Board finally gathers

the courage to drop the spoilt and ageing children from their present

(regrettably) victorious team, we shall once again be able to take pride in defeating the Old Enemy. Yours faithfully,

Sir, I refer to the article in The

Sir, I refer to the article in Inc.

Times of February 1, alleging that
the British do not have their
clothes dry cleaned often enough.
One reason may be that many
housewives find, as I do, that the
labels on clothes saying "dry
clean only" can be misleading and
that garments so labelled often
wash existences.

From Mr Neville Clark

NEVILLE CLARK,

wash satisfactorily.

MARY SMIETON.

14 Sr George's Road,

Yours truly,

Complete washout

From Dame Mary Smitton

Comely Bank

However, it should be known that

mathematics in primary schools.

From Mr D. R. Bowes

ALLAN KERR, 24 Quex Road, NW6. February 7

Yours faithfully,

Sir, May I support Professor Pen-rose (February 7) in his castigation of Izvestia for making statements about Dr Sakharov which are "not correct", a mild enough description of what I would prefer to call down-

first met Dr Sakharov in 1972 when living in Moscow and last saw him just over two years ago, a meeting I reported in an article in your newspaper. He is a man of iron courage and the gentle humility

of the truly great.

I have heard him described by fellow Russians as "a sainty man". and though he would demur, many who have met him have felt the impact of his deeply Christian but wholly practical qualities quite untinged by mysticism. For Izvestia to attempt to dismiss him as "an extremely vain and conceited person" is grotesque and would be laughable were it not wholly tragic. As for suggestions also made by Investia that Dr Sakharov was a "traitor" who blurted out state secrets to all and sundry, may I say that I never met a dissident more

Balfour's legacy From Mr A. L. Tibawi

Sir, May I congratulate you on the perceptive leading editorial, "Islam is stronger than Lenin" (January

You state that one of the first acts of Lenin and Stalin after seizing power in 1917 was to seek the support of the Muslims of Russia. But they also sought to discredit Britain by publishing the Balfour Declaration, pointing out how a Muslim country was being given to

the Zionists. This was done barely two weeks after the publication of the declaration in London. On November 26 the British ambassador asked for material to counteract this propa-ganda. A cynical proposal was to send him, for publication in the Russian press, photographs of the

Protection of open spaces From Mr Patrick Cormack, MP, and

Sir, London is deservedly celebrated for its parks and open spaces, but of all those within a few miles of its centre none is more varied or gives a greater illusion of genuine country than Hampstead Heath. This illusion

This priceless asset can too readily be taken for granged, and the effect that development would natives, to build houses on the slopes of the Witanhurst estate below Highgate Village.

Permission for either proposal would inevitably result in the loss of a great number of the trees that give this landscape its character and would expose intrusive buildings to the view from the Heath, destroying the illusion of its extent. The loss

would be irreparable. Some 16,000 people have appreSir. Like many of your correspondents, I too believe that trade unions have too much power and that some

of them tend to abuse that power. Even so, and without myself knowing what the solution to the prob-lem is, I doubt whether further legislation is the answer.

From Mr Keith Fagan

It seems to me that, in a democracy, legislation must be with the consent of the majority of those sought to be bound by such legislation, as democracy envisages government by consent rather than by compulsion. It may be that previous legisla-

tors have gone too far in conferring almost limitless powers on trade unions, but it is notoriously difficult to remove rights once they have been given, and ir seems fairly clear that the unions would see any future legislation which seeks to limit their powers as an infringement of the rights of their members. Whether their fears in this re-

spect are justified or not is surely beside the point. What is very much to the point is that the unions have sufficient power in fact—whether legally bestowed or not—to ignore with impunity any legislation that does not appeal to them; if a large section of the community decides as a body to break a law that they consider to be against their interests, you cannot fine or imprison every member of that section of the community. This is precisely why the industrial relations legislaof the Heath administration failed.

Furthermore, to impose legislation that has no teeth because nobody will obey it is bad legislation and worse than no legislation at all, for it brings the law into contempt -and disrespect for the law is a giant stride along the road to anarchy.

For these reasons, if there is to be any limitation of trade union powers, I think it has to come because trade unionists themselves see a need to limit their powers. Any reform of trade unions that may be necessary must in my opinion be made voluntarily and democratically from within the unions themselves, for I do not think it can be effectively imposed from outside the unions, and least of all by what the unions will see as ami-union legislation. Yours faithfully, KEITH FAGAN,

obviously loyal to his own country,

nor one more measured and accurate

in the criticisms be made—the right to make which is, I would remind

the Soviet authorities, enshrined still in the new 1977 Soviet, Consti-

Sir, Dr Sakharov has been standing

up for (i) his opinions, and (ii) for the right to express them, Mr E. P.

Thompson (January 30) would deny to those who do not support him

over (i) any right to support him

over (ii), or at least to criticize the Soviet Union for its position over

(ii). But this is illogical. For most of

us the second issue is by far the

13 Mayfair Court, Mayfair Close, The Avenue, Beckenham, Kent.

February 7.

tution.

Southsea.

Hampshire

February 7.

most important.

Yours faithfully,

Guildford,

Surrey.

E. H. St G. MOSS; 29 Guildown Avenue,

Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH BOWER,

33 Victoria Road North,

From Mr E. H. St G. Moss

Banishing Dr Sakharov From Miss Elizabeth Bower

right distortion.

Sharif of Mecca and his son Faisal, leaders of the Arab revolt, and quotations from the Sharif's proclamation depicting the Turkish ministers as bad Muslims.

The proposal was referred to Arnold Toynbee, at the Political Intelligence Department, for comment. He wrote that it was useless to show Turkish ministers as bad Muslims. "The one thing." he wrote, "that would be certain to win them would be a formal declaration that we mean to give self-determination."

determination.' How much strife and bloodsbed would bave been avoided had Lloyd George and Balfour followed would rhis advice. Yours faithfully,

A. L. TIBAWI.
7 Cranbrook Drive,

From Mr Nigel Bryant

Sir. Last Saturday (January 26) after reading your fascinating front page story about the discovery of a Bernini bust in London; I went along to the V and A to see it. At the main entrance the attendant was polite but could not say where it was. In the sculpture gal-lery I was firmly told it would not be on display for three mooths. However, being persistent, I even-tually found it in room 1c. Questions for Dr Strong:

1 Why not a notice at the entrance?
Why nor tell the attendants? They never tell us anything ",

I was told.
Why not revive the "Recent Acquisitions" room?
I personally redirected three visitors to room 1C, who got the same treatment as I did. A detailed note in the suggestion box has produced no reply from the museum. Yours faithfully,

NIGEL BRYANT, 23 Kensington Court, W8.

Pickets everywhere From Mr R. Coulson

Sir, A sign of the time we live in: whilst passing a but queue to-day, not a common sight in Shropshire, my eight-year-old so exclaimed: "Look, a picket-line! Yours faithfully, R. COULSON, Wellington, Shropshire.

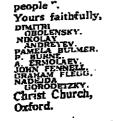
Christians in Russia

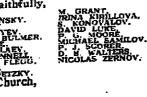
From Projessor Dimitri Obolensky and others Sir, We the undersigned, members of the Russian Orthodox Church and present or past teachers in British universities, write to express our deep concern at the recent arrests in the Soviet Union of several active Christians.

One of the most prominent, Father Dimitri Dudko, was the subject of an admirable article by Miss Jane Ellis, published by you (January 29). Earlier arrests of other Russian Orthodox—among them Father Cleb Vakunin. Mother them Father Gleb Yakunin, Mother Valeriya Makeeva and Mr Lev Regelson—have received less publi-

We are moved to draw attention to their plight by the knowledge that the hierarchy of their own Church, to whom in any normally humane society they would be entitled to look for protection, is effectively inhibited from openly coming to their help; and by the fear that in the repressive climate now prevailing in the Soviet Union, further arrests of Christians are only

In their refusal to surrender the basic human right to proclaim one's faith, these Russian Christians have faith, these Russian Christians have earned the respect of all those who, in their native land, still prize the qualities of courage and integrity. They surely deserve to be reckoned, along with Dr Andrey Sakharov, "the conscience of the Russian neonle."





The abortion debate

From Mr J. L. Hoar Sir, Professor W. H. Thorpe (February 7) evidently has very little use for handicapped persons even if they are absolutely sane; he sug- February 7.

gests that the "vast majority of people" would approve of any abor-tion in which there was a possibility that the child would be handicapped. I wonder if he has consulted with any handicapped men, women or children, or those who care for them, and asked them whether they regard their lives as useless?

insane?

Sussex.

is particularly notable in its northern part, where the landscape extends uphill to the Hampstead/ Highgate ridge in thickly wooded slopes through which few buildings obtrude.

have upon it may not be realized before it is too late. It is now in planning applications, albeit alter

ciated the danger sufficiently to sign a petition pleading that no development should be allowed. It is to be hoped that Camden Coun-cil will recognize that this is not a

local issue, and that whatever the difficulties of refusal their responsibility is a national one. Yours faithfully, PATRICK CORMACK, HUGH CASSON. SYLVIA CROWE, GEOFFREY JELLICOE,

PETER SHEPHEARD, The Athenaeum, SW1.

February 5. Travels with a paintbrush

From Mrs Marion Topolski Sir, For the record I must point our that your contributor Roger Berthoud (London Diary, February 5) is behind the "times"—14 years 5) is be in fact.

My ex-husband Feliks Topolski went to China in 1966 bringing back many on-the-spot drawings and resulting paintings and indeed produced a chronicle. Asia: The Arena, of the journey, and a book, Holy

Incidentally, he was also there in 1944 (drawings and paintings reproduced in Three Continents). History is so often distorted, maybe this small slice will be corrected.

Yours sincerely,

MARION TOPOLSKI,

14 Hanover Terrace, NW1.

COURT

February 8: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Prince of Wales, attended the Presentation of Ad-miral of the Fleet the Earl Mount-batten of Burma's Garter Bannar

of The Queen's Flight.

The Mary Rose Trust, gave an interview to Radio Victory at Buckingham Palace today.

Birthdays today

Mr Ryland Davies, 37; the Marquess of Exeter, 75; Sir Douglas Haddow, 67; Lord Pearce, 79; Professor S. E. Rasmussen. 82; Mr Dean Rusk, 71; Lieutenant-General Sir William Scotter, 58; Professor H. H. Scullard, 77; Miss Janet Suzman, 41.

"TOMORROW: Mr Larry Adler, 65; Dame Judith Anderson, 82; Sir Charles Collins, 93; Dr Alexander Comfort, 60; Dr Walter Hamilton, 72; Field Marshal Lord Harding of Petherton, 84; Sir Alister Hardy, 84; Professor J. Heslop-Harrison, 60; Sir George Kitson, 81; Mr Harold Macmillan, OM, 86; Lord Ort-Ewing, 68.

Forthcoming

marriage

Mr J. O. W. Barnard and Miss C. A. Barlow The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr G. E. Barnard, of New Lambton, New South Wales, and Mrs G. M. Barnard. of Milford-on-Sea. Hampshire, and Cheryl. daughter of Lieutenant-Commander D. A.

Marriage

Mr N. Kerman and Miss J. A. Standish The marriage took place in Antigua on January 31 between Mr Nicholas Kerman, elder son of Mr and Mrs Isidore Kerman, and Miss Juanita Standish, twin daughter of Major Pery Standish and Mrs Christopher Watson.

Latest appointments Cathedral architect

takes new post Mr Alan Mackenzie Rome, carb

Mir Alan Mackenzie Rome, carhedral architect to the Dean and Chapter of Peterborough and Salisbury Cathedrals, and consulting architect to the Provost and Chapter of Leicester Cathedral, has been made a member of the Redundant Churches Fund. He succeeds Miss Corisme Wilson. Other appointments include: Mr G. T. N. Ross, acting principal of Edinburgh College of Art since the death of Principal J. T. Hunter in December, 1977, to be principal.

The Church's need today for a more mature laity

English men and women do not want to be educated. That is a process for children; which is

why so many Christians are immature in religious matters. Yet much more preparation is needed if they are to fulfil their developing roles in the church, and if they are to attempt their three tasks in the world-thanksgiving, witnessing and right judgment (a theme I developed in a previous article, published

last year). Some of the more faithful and regular churchgoers are satisfied with things as they are. They attend church on Sundays and sometimes in the week or in Lent, they also sing with enthusiasm traditional hymns and psalms. But not all who go to church are content, and many who go only occasionally are obviously dissatisfied. They may be called "the Amusing stories are told today fringe" or "the latent laity". of such learning. But how else They are conscious that as they grow older they are maturing in many ways. Their experience as neighbours, parents, professional men and women with faith and practice rests? The

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Batten has written on the laity. The first article was published on July 8, 1978 and the second on July 8, 1978 and the second on November 17, 1979.

This is the last in a series of civic responsibility and social tragedy is that for too many were quite unprepared to for the sake of their children. How can this be achieved?

Today in schools religious education has been broadened. This out together and here, particularly, the dissatisfied of their children. How can this be achieved?

Today in schools religious education has been broadened. We know more today about the great world religions and other the dissatisfied. them develop accordingly, but in the sphere of religion there are few congregations in which recently) Honest To God was lay people are expected and published. From then on the baland as adults to grow into a Christian churches in this cultures; all have aspects of truth. Such studies certainly opportunity to do other than to carry on trying to be faithful to what they learnt at school or in confirmation classes. And what was that?

For the older people, at school before the First World War, the Christian Catechism would have been assumed to be the relevant summary of belief and morals. In order find out more about that faith with its roots in the Bible and in the history of the Christian church they would probably have been taught to recite in order the names of the Kings of Israel and Judah and the books of the Old and New Testaments. To these would be added the journeys of St Paul and the lives of notable saints. are children to learn, at an age when learning by heart is easy, to find their way round

doubts which international scholars had been aware of before; now they are challenging to all. Partly as a result, lead to the abandonment of the have become dirty words. But to many this did not matter because they thought they could get on with activity

without any basis in thought or

At about the same time Ronald Goldman's research into the religious ideas of primary school children (Religious Thinking from Childhood to Adolescence 1964) shound Adolescence, 1964) showed that the ability to understand biblical ideas and Christian beliefs developed late. Religious learning, he suggested, should begin with experience, explanation coming later. Harold Loukes's Teenage Reli-gion of 1961 insisted that in secondary schools discussion of religious and moral issues was

tian faith to which English religion and culture are inextricably related.

On the basis of such inadequate religious education in schools and theological and morel confusion in the church it is not surprising that so many laity are not sufficently well educated for their tasks.

What then must be done by the church and the schools? There is, mercifully, a fively revival just now of Christian questioning about what should be learnt by children in schools. Teachers, parents and clergy are all involved. Parents showing willingness their children to be taught, but Christianity must be taught at the only way. This demanded home as well as taught in much more of the teachers school. So parents of all people concerned which most of them need to be mature Christians

OBITUARY

Born in Java on September 30, 1897, as Marta-Maria-Lillits, to a German father, who

was a Dutch government employee she was educated in

Germany and married the actor-playwright Fritz Daghofer

when she was 20, only to divorce him two years later. She later married the film producer George Witt, by whom

Endowed with exceptional

physical beauty Frau Dagover (who changed the spelling of

her name) made her acting debut on the silent screen in

Fritz Lang's Hara-Kiri in 1919,

the year in which she also starred in Robert Wiene's The

Cabinet of Dr Caligari, a classic

of German expressionism and the second of over 100 films

she had a daughter.

LIL DAGOVER

and in films

Long career on German stage

Lil Dagover, the German The best known of her German stage and film star, died in talkies Erich Charrell's Congress-Munich on Japuary 30. She was Dances (1931).

of German expressionism and the second of over 100 films she made over a period of 60 years, both at home and abroad.

Besides playing in Lang's The Great Theatre of the World, in which she played, or rather, as the critics put it. "embodied Beauty". She last acted for Reinhardt in Berlin in 1926 in Bourder's The Prisoper but returned to the stage in the 1950s, to play a series of in France, in Julien Duvivier's "Grandes Dames" with great the Tourbillon de Paris (1928), among others, before going to Hollywood, to appear in several films beginning with The Woman of Monte Carlo, (1931).

MR LESLIE WELCH

talkies Erich Charrell's Congress Dances (1931).

She worked in Germany throughout the Nazi years, eg, in Detley Siercke's Schlussak kord (1935) and in Veit Harlan's

Kreutze Sonata (1936) and was made a "State Actress" by a

After the war she acted in

numerous German films, many

of them best forgotten, though Alfred Weidemann's TV-film of

Thomas Mann's Buddenbrooks

She virtually retired shortly

after playing in Hans-Jürgen Syberberg's Karl May (1961),

while her last film, Maximilan Schell's Tales from the Vienna

Woods (1978), was much admired at the London Film

She made her stage debut under Max Reinhardt in Salzburg in 1925 in the

(1959) was a worthy exception. -

grateful regime in 1937.

ticularly, the dissuisfied fringe lairy "can help. There will be many questions and many answers in this time of rapid social change and intel-lectual ferment. Pert of the pro-cess of maturing is not to be frightened at this but to press on with the questions. Clergy who have a gift for this kind of education are needed and the work might perhaps be focused on cachedrals or on demeries. (It cannot be expected to trappen in most parishes or congregations where hard-pressed clergy and other ministers are fully occupied in pastoral care.) Lainy with special knowledge and skills must be recruised to help. By such education, if it were to be made lively by men and women who have experience of this kind of activity, a more mature laity would grow and the Christian church would be stronger in its life and its work

in the world. Mollie Batten Formerly Principal, William Temple College

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed): Barrett, Mr Patrick Joseph, of Ealing, died intestate . £140,922 Bourdillon, Lady, of Oxford £126,318

Bush, Miss Doris Kathleen Bartlett, of Worthing £143,147 Culham, Mr Arthur Samuel, of Sudbury £135,481 Dunn, Miss Barbara Mary, of fartisle £169,900

25 years ago From The Times of Wednesday, Feb 9, 1955

"The job was too much for me." That in essence is the reason that Mr Malenkov gives for resigning his high office as Prime Minister of the Soviet Union, "I was not experienced enough; I made mistakes." enough; I made mustaces.
There is a note of sincerity in
the letter that was read on his
behalf while he sat stock still
and silent in the Supreme Soviet yesterday morning, and these professed reasons for the news that suddenly swept the news that suddenly swept the world may be accepted as valid up to a point. . . Malenkov was encircled by men as ruthless and ambitious and as devoted to the Soviet cause as ever he was himself; and the basic reason for yesterday's change is to be found in the fact that the succession of Stalin has not yet been decided. The experiment in "collective leadership" has not stood the strain in the

clash of personalities and policies.

Thousands of holiday skiers

Robert Blanc was a superb skier and something rarer: a fearless champion who could appreciate the terror of the holiday skier. He revolutionized the reaching of skiing by intro-ducing in Les Arcs what he called "ski evolutif", in which the beginner starts on parallel turns on a one metre ski and

as he hoped, but nobody can dispute the infectious enjoy-ment Robert Blanc brought to ski teaching and his love of the

resorts, owes it to him that the buildings are in sympathy with the contours. He was brought up there and indeed tended cows in the meadows where investors enabled him to build one of the most successful

Sinai and Palestine. Later he was to command his

SIR PATRICK HANCOCK

was a most distinguished per-son, someone quite out of the ordinary.

one of the leading eccentrics bridge. He practised as a soli-in a service believed to contain citor from 1930 to 1973. He many. It is true that he was succeeded his brother in 1977. hilariously funny both in be-haviour and anecdote. But his haviour and anecdote. But his Joyce, daughter of James Musproper claim to distinction lies grave. They had a daughter and the heir is his cousin, Lieut-though thus was, but in his Commander G. R. Monckton, seriousness.

He was calm and accurate. He largely master-minded the British contribution to the defeat of Khrushchev's ultimatum about Berlin in the late 1950s. There was also a year in which he is believed to have killed more salmon than any other fisherman alive. He was

uary 27 after a short illness, was well-known in academic and publishing circles as the leading encyclopaedist of the day. Educated at St Leonard's School ing Editor of Chambers's Encyclopaedia and between then

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batten of Burma's Garter Banner at Eventsong in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, today. The Duke of Edinburgh, Honor-ary Air Commodore, continued his visit to Royal Air Force Kinloss this morning and afterwards re-turned to London in an aircraft of The Guesart Elight.

Nicholson was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales. President,

Luncheon Royal College of Surgeons of England England
Sir Reginald Murley. President of
the Royal College of Surgeons of
England, entertained at a luncheon
held at the college, the Hou
Greville Januer, QC, MP, and
Professor A. J. Harding Rains
yesterday.
Dinner

Dinner

Royal Institution of Chartered

Surveyors

The annual dinner of the junior organization of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors was held at the House of Commons last night. Mr Neil Thorne, MP, was the host and Mr Simon Kolesar, chairman, welcomed members and guests who included the Rev F. T. Secombe, the principal guest, and Mr Ronald Wilson, president of the Institution.

Service dinners 39th (City of London) Signal Regi-

ment (Volunteers) The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs were the guests of bonour at a dinner given by Lieutenant-Colonel R. P. Myhlll and officers of 39th (City of London) Signal Regiment (Volunteers) at 79 Worship Street, London, EC2, yesterday. Among those present were: Among those present were:

The Earl of Mainresbury trepresenting the Master of the Skinners' Company, the Mayor of Hackney, Malor-Conera A. A. C. Anderson, Malor-General D. A. Langley and Brigadler Annefield.

The annual dinner of 1 Squadron, Rodourable Artiflery Company, took place vesterday at Armoury House, Major Geoffrey Godbold. officer commanding, was in the chair and the guest of honour was Field Marshal Sir Geoffrey Baker. Other guests included: General Sir John Raice, Malor-Generals P. Blunt and W. H. D. Ritchie: Colonels R. D. Hunter, C. B. Powell-Smith and B. A. Kay: and Lieutenant, Colonel C. H. Martin, commanding

Today's engagements

Exhibitions: Bygone Bristol, photographs of old Bristol, 35 King Street Gallery. Bristol, 11-8. Graeme Sims, Seen Gallery, 39 Paddington Street, 10-6.30 (last day). 7 and 5 Society Exhibition, Parkin Gallery, 11 Monombe Street, 10-1. Stampex '80, New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat and Elverton Streets, 10-8. Abstraction—Towards A New Art, Tate Gallery, Millbank, 10-6.
Talks: "The European Parliament—what do its members do for us?" by Christopher Price and Clive Elles, Goldsmiths College, Lewisham Way, New Cross, 2.30.

Tomorrow

The Duke of Edinburgh as Captain General visits Royal Marines on Winter Training in North Norway.

Norway.
Exhibitions: André Kertész, 65 years of photography, Serpentine Gallery, Kensinggon Gardens, 10-4.30 (last day).
Talks: "The Sacraments: III The Act of Consecration and Ordination". Christian Community, Glenilla Road, 11.50. "Sunday Special: Now for the Good News" by Robert Dougall, Burgh House, New End Square, 12.15: "Art at the Court of Charles I" by Launce Gribbin, Victoria and Albert Museum, 3.30. 3.30. Concert: Monteverdi Vespers of

the Blessed Virgin, 1610, London Oriana Choir, English Baroque Players, St John's Smith Square, 7.30.

Cheltenham Ladies College

Because of the successes gained in the recent Oxford and Cam-bridge scholarship and entrance

bridge scholarship and entrance examinations an extra day's holiday has been granted by Cheltenham Ladies College. Half-term will begin on Friday, February 15, and end on the evening of Wednesday, February 20. Members of the college gained four Open Scholarships, seven Exhibitions and tweive places.

Science report

Nitrogen fixation: Looking at genes.

Some surprising results have emerged recently from work aimed at understanding the genetic basis of the ability of some bacteria to convert inert atmospheric nitrogen directly into ammonia in the soil. Such "nitrogen fixation in the soil. Such "nitrogen fixation in a form that they can use. Molecular biologists have now found that the nitrogen-fixing genes in the pass and brans, and so confers the ability of fix nitrogen can be made available to plants in a form that they can use. Molecular biologists have now found that the nitrogen-fixing genes in two types of micro-organism whose ancestors diverged more than \$3.000 million years ago are remarkably similar.

That similarity has provided micro-organism provided the province of the plants by confers the ability to fix nitrogen fixation genes in the blue-green alga Anabacna, they are also looking at more exotic organisms such as the subcept and province of the province of the province of the province of the plants by proxy; they are also looking at more exotic organisms such as the blue-green algae which, living in two types of micro-organism whose ancestors diverged more than \$3.000 million years ago are remarkably similar.

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analyse the nitrogen-fixation genes in the blue-green alga Anabacna, which in spite of its name is a close relative of the true bacteria and studdles the evolutionary divide between bacteria and the rest of the living world. But there was no way of looking at the genes of Anabacna by the usual proches of sanctic constraints. That similarity has provided them with a way of looking more closely at the unrogen-fixing genes in one of these groups—the blue-green algae—which are otherwise inaccessible to ordinary genetic analysis. It also throws up the intriguing possibility that the nitrogen-fixing genes in the various groups of bacteria have been acquired relatively recently in evolutionary time from a single source by transfer from bacterium to, bacterium. The other possimethods of genetic analysis. It was not until the advent of recombinant DNA techniques, by which genes from one organism can be isolated and propagated in more easily-studied bacteria, that Dr Haselkorn and his colleagues source by transfer from bacterium to bacterium. The other possibility, that these genes have remained unchanged through millions of years of evolution, would make the nitrogen-fixing genes one of the most stable groups of genes yet discovered in bacteria. could start investigating the nitrogen-fixation genes of Anabaena.

The first step was to construct a molecular probe to recognize the Anabacna genes and, taking a chance, they decided to use similar genes isolated from a nitrogenfixing soil bacterium, Klebsiella. Work on nitrogen fixation has been stimulated recently by the increasing cost of artificial nitrogen fertilizers, which has made the prospect of transferring the ability to manufacture their own nitrogen fertilizer to important crops such as wheat and maize extremely attractive. But before that becomes even a remote possibility. That was a shot in the dark, for it was considered unlikely that those genes, separated by several hundred million years of evolu-tion, would be sufficiently similar at the molecular level for

similar at the molecular level for the necessary, very specific chemical recognition to work.

Somewhat to their surprise, the technique worked and they were able to insert the Anabaena nitrocomes even a remote possibility.

Like structure and organization of
the complex set of genes that con-

on the bacterial chromosomes.

At the same time Dr Gary Ruvkun and Dr Frederick Ausubel at Harvard University have been using the same techniques to look at the similarities between the nitrogen-fixation genes in a range of different species of nitrogen-fixers including Anabaena. They find that all are remarkably similar. Their conclusion is that either nitrogen-fixing genes are among the most stable bacterial genes known, or that they have been disseminated between those species fairly recently.

The nitrogen-fixing genes in

The nitrogen-fixing genes in some true bacteria are borne on small, circular, autonomous chromosomes known as plasmids. chromosomes known as plasmids, as work at the Agricultural Research Council's Unit of Nitrogen Fixation at the Sussex University has shown recently. Plasmids can be transferred between bacteria, which makes the idea of a fairly recent dissemination at least quite feasible.

feasible.

Dr Haselkorn, however, has shown that although plasmids occur in Anabaena, the nitrogenfixing genes are carried on the batterial chromosomes. Until their structure has been worked out in more detail it will be impossible to determine whether Anabaena too could have picked up those genes quite recently.

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trol that reaction must be under stood in detail. So biologists are now dissecting the nitrogen-fixing (public welcomed): HC. 8.50: MP. 11.15. Before the service Aad King Solombe said. TD Laudamus Ireland in F. Jub Doo Charles Wood in F. A. I was glad when they said unto me (Parry) Rev J. Stoti. Services tomorrow: - Eighth Sunday

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GUARDS CHAPEL WELLINGTON BARRACKS: HC. 9. M. 11. Rev A. C. Carrethers: HC. 12. M. 11. Rev A. C. Carrethers: HC. 12. M. 19. Rev A. C. Carrethers: HC. 12. M. 19. Shall speak of Thy Praise (Greene, Rev. E. Garth, Moore. TOWER OF LONDON: HC. 9.13. M. 11. TD Weelves (Short Service). A. O dap your hands together (Vaughah Williams). The Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street

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Servico, 11:15. Rev. C. Hedley: Choral
Evensong, 4-15: E. 6 30, Rev. C.

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t keop him in purfect poace (Wesley)

6. O my Lord (Whillook).

MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH:

8 and 11: Rev D. Knickerbocker

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et Noster (Verdi) E, 6.30, Rev C-K.

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ST PETER'S. Eaton Square: LM,
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ST SIMON ZELOTES Chelsea: HC
B. Canon de Betty. 6.30. Rev O. R

Clarks

ST STEPHEN'S. Gloucester Road.
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ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland)
Pont Street: 11. Rev N. Bowman. 5.30.
Rev Dr J. Froyer McLaskev
CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church
of Scotland) Russell Street. Covent
Garden: 11.15. Rev J. Miller Scotl.
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Kendall, WESLEY'S CHAPEL City Road 11. Encharist, Roy Dr R. G. Gibbots.

astray in the final round of the Gold Cup; an injudicious Double and the partner's response probably cost them the prize. Nothing could have been more disbeartening than to find themselves punished severely Ø J842 ₩ Ö 10 Ø 82. W

for what can be best described of 8 as a deliberate mistake. No score ; dealer North : ♠ K 10 G S C 9643 N A 873 0 82 W E 0 975 m 0 6 5 2 Ó A K J 10 A 4 0 9 8 4 North East Couth West No 1 No trump Double 2 Spades Double No No No No

of the occasions for breaking them is in duplicate matches

where the sole chance of a high score comes from playing against the odds; as, for instance, when you rely upon finding trupps equally divided

although they are more likely

to be divided in any way other

than 3-3. Or, to take an even

more common example, you

have only to examine the effect

f the Take-out Double when it

is misemployed—usually by the player who fears that he will

miss a part score, game or slam and makes a stronger bid than

Ten years ago one of our

strongest pairs went sadly

his hand warrants.

South, having deceived his bid even their chw rentreq 2 Spades if West had passed. had insufficient excuse for passing the Double with a void in trumps. He could have removed it into Two No trumps with even less risk of loss when he doubled One No trump (instead of bidding Two Clubs). North and South between them trok only five tricks-two clubs, two

have stood the test of time. One of the occasions for breaking them is in duplicate matches showed better judgment, although his contract was some-

Bridge

Sir Peter Gadsten, Lord Mayor of London,

photographed yesterday at a portrait sitting

Sir Gerald Kelly studio auction sold out

with the Spanish painter Theodore Ramos.

what fortunate, North East South West No 1 Spade Double 3 Spades No No No No No East led the AA which declarer ruffed in dummy. North entered his hand with the AK to lead a trump and, East hav-ing played low, the CQ held the trick. With a successful diamond finesse and careful

The belief that a hand can be too strong for a simple over- a suic.
call and demands in its place East a take-out double is now almost moribund. One more example should be convincing.

Game all ; dealer East. ♠ 4 ♡ A K Q 10 4 Ç K J 10 **å** A K 6 4 ČA08854 ₩ A 10 2 6 5 3 2 Ć 6 2

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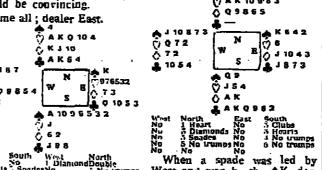
tract in Three No trumps because he had not bid One or Two Hearts on the first round over West's One Diamond.
South's Three Spades was
reasonable after his partner's
Take-out Double; but he could
not leave. North to play in No
trumps when he had made a jump bid. The North South hands combine well in No

In tournaments there is a greater incentive than in a because the declarer sees at a

Certain practical rules were diamonds and one spade, and glance when dummy is on the devised to assist beginners and South's misguided bidding wa: table whether he has reached expensive. of recovering from a bad com-bination of bids is by looking for what may be termed an unreasonable suit-break (now referred to as "anti-percentage play"); if he is going to lose on the deal, one trick or five

contract. timing, declarer confined his losses to three trumps.

East West game; dealer West. Q d a g e e A 10873



North could not buy the con- a trick in hearts because every competitor who played in a slam from the North side would make it even if the VQ did not fall in two rounds. Since he was the VQ was guarded declarer finessed against the VQ and made his contract by "antipercentage" play, thus recovering from his poor bid of Four No trumps and obtaining a trumps, but Four Spades was doomed to failure when the better than average score. Only trumps broke 4-1,

> CQ against the odds were sure of a top score.

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
An auction devoted to the contents of the late Sir Gerald Kelly's studio at Christie's yesterday proved an outstanding success with the public and was a sell-out. The days when aesthetes turned up their noses at academic painting seem to be well and truly over; Sir Gerald succeeded Munnings as president of the Royal Academy in 1949, retiring in 1955. Yesterday's sale was packed with private collectors and prices were regularly running to double or triple estimates. The 252 lots realized fi64,015.

No painting by Kelly had previously fetched more than £1,800 at auction. Yesterday two poortraits sold for £6,500; Marl-borough Fine Art paid that (estimate £1,500 to £1,000) for the same figure for a sonsy Spanish lady, "Celestina del Pino of Trindiad" which Christie's had estimated at £500. **Bidding under pressure**

> tricks down make little differ-ence when all who are playing the same hand are in a superior

An example from an American championship reveals the eagnerness of competitors to reach a contract in No trumps because of its higher score when there is a safer slam in

↑ A K 10 9-8 3 N E 0 5 10 43

West and won by the AK, declarer could not afford to lose certain of a bottom score unless the eamblers who played in a grand slam and finessed the

Mr Leslie Welch, who died him. By and large, he had to suddenly yesterday, aged 72, have an inherent interest in a subject to record its minute over 20 years ago as "The past. His own belief was that memory Man" but ironically everyone was born with a perin later years himself faded fect memory, but "thanks to the invention of pen and on the stage and in films he dormant. dormant.

He made his first mark on radio, and his performances from about 1947 gathered force. But in the late 1950s he began to appear less, largely, he hirself said, because of domestic preoccupations. on the stage and in films, he astonished audiences by being able to recall limitless details of sporting events reaching back to the last century: winning horses in the classics, for example, and the odds at which they—and the other runners which he named—started; the names of the members of the preoccupations.

He took a job as accountant in the Civil Service, but retired at 65 and gave occasional perteams in a Cup Final, the goals formances on radio and at private gatherings. In 1973 he was on the BBC 2 programme Horizon, which illustrated different scored and who scored them; minute facts likewise of cricket matches recorded in his card

index mind. Nor was he interested only types of memory. The pertinent in sport—history, geography and the story of Western states of the United States attracted question or title then was: You Remember the Memory Man?"

M. ROBERT BLANC

Harold Evans writes: are in debt to France's Robert Blanc who died in an avalanche this week at Les Arcs in the High Tarentzise.

ates to something about his own

mountain on which he died.

Les Arcs, unlike the vast
majority of purpose-built ski

resorts in Europe.

He was passionare in his exposition that anybody could ski. He had little English but communicated easily, bubbling freight.

Some large claims were made for the direct parallel, which has not been as widely adopted four children.

AIR MARSHAL SIR R. WILLIAMS

Air Marshal Sir Richard offered as a gift by the Imperial Williams, KBE, CB, DSO a Government to Australia which founding father of the Royal made possible the development Australian Air Force; later its of the post-war Australian Air Chief of Staff; and from 1946 to 1956 Director-General of came into being as an autono-Civil Aviation in Australia, died on February 7. He was 89.

Roy on August 2 1890 he appointed Chief of Air Staff Born on August 3, 1890, he graduated in November 1914 from the Central Flying School, Point Cook, as a service pilot, After completing the advanced course he was promoted captain and went overseas as a flight commander of No. 1 Squadron Australian Flying Corps which distinguished itself in Egypt, Singi and Palestine

Later he was to command his squadron and the 40th (Army) Wing RAF. From the end of 1918 to the beginning of 1919 he commanded the Palestine Brigade of the RAF. For his services he was made OBE and won a DSO.

As staff officer, AFC at the AIF headquarters in London from March to October, 1919 he selected the aircraft equip-

he selected the aircraft equip-ment (valued at over £1m)

A friend writes:— Par Hancock, the subject of your obituary of February 2,

He has been thought of as

Members of the Foreign Office are often thought of as being if not eccentric then cyni-cal and flippant. Pat Hancock cal and flippant. Pat Hancock was neither of these things. He possessed a deep sense of purpossessed a deep sense of pur-pose, and he brought to bear on everything he did the highest standards of honour and professional competence.

social world. His favourite author was Milton.

Mr Hiawatha Coleridge-

and member of the Australian Council for Defence. In the 1930s he twice visited Britain to attend courses at the Camberley and Andover staff colleges and the Imperial College of Defence. Williams came again to Britain in 1939 on exchange duties and served briefly as AOA at Coastal Command headquarters. He went Lome in 1940 to translate the server of the s 1940 to undertake special work in connexion, with setting up the organization needed to run the Empire Air Training

Scheme.
Later in the war he was Air Officer commanding RAAF headquarters in London and RAAF representative on the Joint Staff Mission in Washington. He was made CB in 1935 and promoted to KBE in 1954.

VISCOUNT GALWAY Viscount Galway died on Jan-

uary 30 at the age of 79. The son of William Henry Monckton, a grandson of the fifth viscount, he was born on September 11, 1900, and educated at Charterhouse and Clare College, Cambridge. He practised as a soli-He married in 1927 Kathleen Royal Canadian Navy, retired.

MRS M. D. LAW

and Cambridge, after a short spell in advertising she joined the London office of the Encyclopaedia Britannica; and was its director 1925-43. In 1943 she was appointed Managing Editor of Chambards En not much interested in the plete renewal. She was social world. His favourite appointed OBE in 1951 for her and 1963 presided over its comservices to scholarship.

Mr Hiawatha Coleridge-Lady Holford, widow-of Lord Taylor, son of the composer, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912), died on January 20. Himstore.

Edward Mayer

Mr Hiawatha Coleridge-Lady Holford, widow-of Lord Holford, RA. FRIBA, the structure of the composer, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912), died on January 9. She was Marjorie daughter of self a musician and conductory John Brooks, and she was named after his father's popular choral work. He was 79. died in 1933. Her husband

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SHEDN LEAGUE

Miss McCallum sees

her bubble burst

Los Augeles, Feb 8.—The bubble burst for Roberta McCallum as the third seed, Wendy Turnbull of Australia, beat her in the guarter-final of a women's pro-

quarter-mai of a women's pro-fessional tournament yesterday, in the other quarter-finals march played yesterday, the second seed, Tracy Austin, had little trouble beating Carolyn Stoll 6—0, 6—1. Miss Stoll did not win a game until the illth game of the second set.

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Miss McCallum, on the senior circuit for the first time, brought off two surprise results this week by beating Pam Shriver and Kathy Jordan but Miss Turbull was ready for her. She broke Miss McCallum's serve twice in each set to win 6—2, —2. Miss McCallum admitted that playing before a large crowd made her nervous and also said she had difficulty seeing low shots that

difficulty seeing low shots that tended to blend in with the yellow scats.

Seville, Feb 8.—Fernando Luna, newconter to the Davis Cup, telped Spain to a 2—0 lead over

the Netherlands when he beat Tom Okker 6—2, 6—2, 6—3 In today's European Zope third round the

Luna, though nervous at first, used the length of the court gradually to wear down Okker, who is 35.

Spain's No 1, Jose Higueras survived an injury scare to defeat Louk Sanders 6-2, 6-2, 6-4. Higueras, who twisted his knee during a long rally, recovered sufficiently to outclass the Dutch-

Australia and New Zealand

quickly took control of their Eastern Zone semi-final ties in Hobart and Auckland. Australia

led Japan 1-0 with the second singles suspended because of rain; and New Zealand went 2-0 up against South Korea, Chris Lewis

Luna overcomes attack

of nerves and Okker

Football

United can take the pressure off Liverpool

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent
Almost just as interesting as
Kevin Keegan's remarkable performance for England against the
Republic of Ireland at Wembley
on Wednesday was the size of the
crowd. Over 90,000 attended a
match, deprived of some regular
England team members, that was
of no competitive importance.
Not long ago an England
manager would have felt tempted
to include one or two more
London players simply to attract
a few extra spectators. This week
Hoddle, of Tottenham Hotspur,
suffered by an honest selection
that was untainted by such consideractions. There was no need
for Ron Greenwood to court
potential spectators in north
London.

Some Continental managers were assumed by the attendance, so surely there is a lesson for British football at a time when attendances generally are still falling. Success is always the kev and England have won much sympathy for their achievements under Mr Greenwood,

While it is probably true that attendances will never revive in a dramatic way, the availability of top class football entertainment through an increased programme and television encourages spectators to be more selective. The Americans tell us a lot about turning every game into an occasion and Wembley on Wednesday bore this out. Continental managers

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Apart from Keegan's goals, the most notable incident was Johnson's frightening collision with Peyton in the Irish goalmouth. Surprisingly, neither was scriously hurt. Today Peyton resumes his difficult career trying to save Fulham from relegation against the leading club in the Second Division, Leicester City. Johnson is fit enough to be included in Liverpool's party at Norwich Liverpool's party at Norwich although he is not likely to play. Even if Johnson were to appear. Liverpool still have to make their first team change for 18 matches. Yesterday Sources went before an FA disciplinary commission and was suspended for one match, a lement penalty that was well received by the manager, Bob Paisley, who can include him in Tuesday's Football League Cup semi-final round tie against Nostingham Forest.

Boxing Correspondent
Kevin Finnegan, who for the
first time in his 45-bout career
saw the world sitting on his

unanimous points verdict
This from the man they said
at 31 could not win the British
title, the man they said could nor



Souness: a lenient suspension of one match.

Mr Paisley made the point that replaces Jovanovic in midfield, all of Liverpool's matches were like cup ties "but most clubs have about 20 competitive games in a season". That should be provocative enough to raise the hackles at Norwich today. John Bond's team were outsized and mother of Wednesday's casualnackies at Norwich today. John Bond's team were outplayed and outwitted by Liverpool in a League Cup tie in December but they have retained a high position in the first division and could present better opposition this afternoon.

Powell is unlikely to play but
Peters hopes to have recovered
from a thigh strain. For Liver, puol
Lee or Irwin will replace Souness.

instep injury that made him un-available for England and so

Finnegan would not beat Tonna. To which Finnegan replies: "If he hasn't sussed me out after 48

first time in his 45-bout career saw the world sixting on his bottom in the third round of the European middleweight title bout at the Stade Pierre de Coubertin in Paris on Thursday, looked the world in the face yesterday and said it owed him a title bout with the winner of the Alan Minter-Vito Antuofermo contest in Las Vegas next month. For the cockney linkman got up off the floor, dusted himself down and gave Gratien Tonna. of France, a lesson in boxing that had the fearsome Frenchman (who once stopped Minter with a blow that split bis forehead open) blowing and rolling like an empty hulk. Finnegan a lifted the vacant title on a unanimous points werdict

From John Woodcock

Cricket Correspondent

could settle for the European circuit, making his first defence against, perhaps, Frank Wissenbach, of Germany. By then the Lavender Hill mob could be in possession of three middleweight citles: Finnegan's two and Sibson's, if he wins the Commonwealth title on February 19.

In such a happy position Mr Burns said he would be able to somebody hits me from behind."

He showed us a lump behind his ear the size and colour of a victoria plum. But that blow notwithstanding, there was a piece of brilliant sleight of hand from Tonna in the first round that I will never forget: a right feint high in the air, Finnegan looked up and the Frenchman's left cracked him a beauty.

Now the world owes Finnegan a chance

Lee or Irwin will replace Souness.

A slip by Liverpool could allow Manchester United to regain the leading position that they held before Christmas. United are at home to Wolverhampton wanderers who may have their mirds on their forthcoming League Cup match against Swindon Town. Wilkins has recovered from the instep injury that made him un-Wrexham next Saturday as well

juggle the titles around before discarding one, possibly the British After the bout we knew where

Another of Wednesday's casual-ties, O'Leary, the Republic of fre-land's outstanding central defen-der, hopes that his injured ankle will not prevent him from keeping a hold on Aston Villa's lively for-wards at Highbury. Villa have re-established themselves and could find a place in Europe next season.

No place for Connors The winner of the Borg v Vilas natch meets the winner of tomor-

Boca West (Florida), Feb 8 .-The big names are here-Bjorn Borg, John McEnroe, Vitas Gerulaitis and Guillermo Vilas-but there is no Jimmy Connors. The \$300,000 Grand Slam tennis tournament, got under way today without Connors, who failed to qualify because he did not win any of the so-called grand slam events—Wimbledon, the United States, Australian and French Opens.

"It feels funny not to have Jimmy in the tournament this limmy in the tournament this year ", said Borg, who was facing Villas in an opening match expected to be filled with long top-spin rallies. Despite Connors's absence tournament officials say all three days of competition are sold out.

Motor racing

no longer

Watkins Glen is

under weather

Paris, Feb 7.—The United States Grand Prix East at Watkins Glen, New York, has been rescheduled from April 13 to October 12 by the powerful formula one commit-

of Automobile Sport (FISA), sources said here. This is to remove any threat of the race

The winner of the Borg v Vilas match meets the winner of tomorrow afternoon's Gerulaitis v Mc-Euroe encounter. At stake in Sunday's final is the biggest winning prize in tennis, \$150,000. The favourite is Borg, the world's topranked player and winner of Wimbledon, the French Open and last month's Grand Prix Masters in New York. His combined record against the three challengers is 35 wins and seven defeats, with McEuroe the only one to beat him since 1976.

The slow clay surface here is another advantage for the Swede. another advantage for the Swede, whose explosive top-spin ground strokes and scything passing shots quickly wear down his slower opponents.—AP.

he played tomorrow night and the finals on Sunday.

when the weather intervened

possible bad weather on the original date.

The rescheduling was to be formally endorsed here on February 22 by FISA's executive committee, the sources said. The new Las Vegas Grand Prix will be held shortly after the New York race. With the United States Grand Prix West at Long Beach, California, on March 30, the United States will stage three of the 16 races in the world drivers' championship.

The Watkins Glen event was jeopardized last November by the

jeopardized last November by the same committee, who recommen-ded its cancellation in 1980. Teams

protested about poor facilities at the circuit

How do you say 'see you later' to a city that a cricketer called Kokkinopoulos and his ancestors have made the Athens of the Antipodes?

Old cobbers awaiting the call to don their guernseys for Lord's

Cricket

West Indies tumble to Hadlee's speed

Earlier the fifth seed, Sue Barker (Britain), and the seventh seed, Virginia Ruzici (Rumania) scored second-round victories. Miss Barker beat Mima Jansovec (Yugoslavia) 6—3, 7—5 while Miss Ruzici rallied for a 3—5. Dunedin, Feb 8.—New Zealand followed up their victory over West Indies in the one-day international at Christchurch on Wednesday by outplaying them on the first day of the first Test here today. With the fast bowler. Richard Hadlee, taking five for 34 in 20 ffery overs. West Indies were dismissed for 140 and the New Zealand opening battsend Wright and Edgar, scored 30 without being parted in the final 75 minutes. In the other quarter-final matches, the top seed, Martina Natratilova, will oppose Miss Ruzici and the fourth seed, Virgina Wade (Britain) will play Miss Barker. The semi-finals will play the seed the semi-finals will be seed to be seed to be seed to be seed to be semi-finals will be seed to be s

West Indies, without their leading bassman, Richards, who has returned home to Antigua to rest his injured back, were in trouble from the start: Hadice sent back Greenidge, Rowe and Kallicharran in the space of 13 balls to have the touring team reeling at four for three, Haynes and the captain, Lloyd, led a recovery with a partnership of 68 for the fourth wicket until Lloyd, who had made 24, became Hadice's fourth victim.

King and Parry, the only other

richim.

King and Parry, the only other batsmen to reach double figures (although extras rotalied 17), gave Haynes forther support but wickets countined to fail regularly. Haynes's brave defensive innings eventually ended after rea when he was caught and bowled by the medium-pace bowler. Cairns, for 55. The West Indies total, though pairry, was not their lowest against New Zealand: they were shot out for 77 at Auckland on their 1955-36 tour.

When New Zealand went in, the West Indians feared fast bowlers were unable to march Hadlee's performance and the opening pair batted comfortably through 17 overs to the close. and Onny Parun winning the opening singles.

Mark Edmondson, former Australian open champion, gave Australia their lead by beating Japan's No 1 Tsuyoshi Fukui, 6—2, 6—3, 4—6, 6—3 in a match twice interrupted by rain. The second singles between Peter McNamara, of Australia, and Singeyuki Mishio lasted only a few minutes, the score standing at 1—1 and 30—30 in the third game when the weather intervened. when the weather intervened.

Lewis beat the young Dae Jeon
6-2, 6-4, 6-0 to put New
Zealand ahead against South
Korea; then Parun, with more
difficulty than he must have expected, defeated Chun Ho Kim
7-5, 3-6, 6-2, 10-8,
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Viswanath leads India in Jubilee Test

Bombay, Feb 8 .- Gundappa Viswanath, who nock over the Indian captaincy from his brother-in-law. Sunil Gavaskar, during the recent series against Pakistan, will again lead the side in the Golden Jubilec Test against England, starting here on February 15. The selectors have made one change from the side who drew the sixth Test against Pakistan and so clinched the series 2—0, recal-So Cinting Vengsarkar in place of Chetan Chauban.

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Gloucestershire will revel in the mud

By Peter-West
Rugby Correspondent
After the recent monsoons in
the north-west, the going at Vale
of Lune for today's final of the
county champlonship, sponsored
by Thorn Electrical Industries,
seems likely to be something between the soft and the glutinous.
That sounds like promising news
for Gloucestershire, who will not
be unhappy to take on their opponents up front, and less encouraging for the favourites. Lancashire,
who could find it difficult if not
imprudent to attempt their usual
expansive game. ing for the favourites. Lancashire, who could find it difficult if not imprudent to attempt their usual expansive game.

Having carried all before them in their run through to the last round, the Lancashire pack now face their stiffest hurdle. With a front row comprising Blakeway, Mills, and Sargent (one England cap and two national reserves); with Fidler in the middle of the line-out and Hesford at the tail and with Rafter on one flank, the Gloucestershire forwards look well capable of girlog the home eight a distinctly warm afternoon.

They also have a young lock. Pomphrey, who will be anxious to remind the national selectors of his presence, and another flanker, Wood, who has been good enough to keep Polledri out of the stde. But if it turns out to be an afternoon when good line-out possession is worth having, the presence of Rafter and Wood may leave Gloucestershire rather short of inches at the back of the line.

It is more likely to be one of those days when the scrum halves spend most of their time—certainly in the early stages—putting the ball in front of their forwards. Just how well Smith and Kingston perform such chores may depend on the platform they get. If he is operating behind a good bace, Smith has the strength, the tactical expertise and the accurate left boot to produce an important advantage.

Sadly, there is no Bond in the Lancashire centre. But his replacement. Phillips, is a sturdy. Skiliful and experienced player. It

remains to be seen whether Gloucestershire have gambled wisely in restoring Sorrell to stand-off after injury, on a diet of one senior game, and introstand-off after injury, on a diet of one senior game, and introducing Hignell in the centre afterd one outing at lower level. Hignell has played only once for his county in his England position off full back but it will be surprising! If the Lancashire midfield do not feel the effect of his tackling. With Mogg playing in the centre, the Gloucestershire three-quarters will not be short of pace. Both sides, of course, have re-nowned goal kickers. O'Briens having acquired over 90 of Lancas's shire's points in the championshift and Butler, at the latest rally, now's standing with 3,214 points in all his first class matches, not so far, short of Sam Doble's world record.

short of Sam Doble's world record. It could be a day when one or other of these kickers holds the key. Lancashire ought to win, and; so deny Gloucestershire the chance of extending their record number of clampionships wins to 14, but I fancy they may not do so by too much.

The last final involving the two sides was at Blundellsands in 1971, when Gloucestershire won 22—12,4 A year earlier, at Bristol. Languaght were the victors by 17—12. The lost time they met was in this semi-final round of 1977, at Vale of Lune, when David Gullick kicked five penalty goals in a victory for the home side by 19—15. Lancashire went on to beat Middleser in the final.

Rugby League

Cup-tie comes too soon for Wigan and Hull KR

By Keith Macklin
Both Wigan and Hull Kingston
Rovers view this afternoon's first
round ite in the Rugby League
Challenge Cup, sponsored by State
Express, with trepidation, but for
contrasting reasons. Wigan feel
that they have not yet come
properly to the boil and Rovers
feel that they have just gone off
it. For both sides the first round
appears to have come a month appears to have come a mouth Wigan have had several weeks of remarkable revival and have pulled away from the depths of relegation depression. Players

relegation like Dennis Boyd and Green Vigo have returned to the ranks after have returned to the ranks after a period of disenchantment and under the inspiring leadership of George Fairbairn at full back, the side is improving week by week. However another few games would have made things even more to the liking of the coach, Kelvin Coslett. coscn, Keivin Coslett.

On the other band the champions, Hull KR, have struck a sticky patch, culminating in the record £38,000 signing of Len Casey and the placing on the transfer list of the man who has been hitherto their best forward. Phil Lowe. The player-coach. Roger Millward, has been absent Roeer Millward, has been absent

from the playing field through injury, and Rovers have slipped down the league since their defeat by Hull in the Floodlit

Final. Hence this afternoon's game fills both clubs with appropending the competition and will blame circumstances. My own feeling that Wigan, with home advantage, will narrowly beat Rovers, since the powerful Casey may not have had enough time to settle after moving from Bradford Northern, The holders, Widnes, have one of those hidding-to-nothing visits of those hiding-to-nothing visits to Hull to play one of the rad amateur clubs. Ace. Widnes are likely to find themselves in the position of the lion tackled by the patient terriers, able to win through but liable to be savaged in the process.

through but liable to be savaged in the process.

Leeds, the league leaders and one of the favourites for the cuphave a tough first hurdle to jump. They visit Leigh, who will raise their game at home under the inspiration of the international half back John Woods.

Looking for gianticillers is far harren prospect in this season's first round. The Cumbrian amateurs, Millom, 20 to Hull with as much chance of survival as a tidder in a sea of piratha fish, while the second division clubs either play each other or have little hope of survival against first division opposition. Ever optimistic, however, are Huyton whose players have pidied up and renovated the ground in order to play Salford at home.

Hockey

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City rivals will set test for Oxford Hawks

By Sydney Friskin

weekend for indoor hockey but plans for a 10-nation tournament at Crystal Palace fell through some at Crystal Palace fell through some time ago to leave the cupboard practically bare. Outdoors in the South League, sponsored by Trumans, Oxford Hawks, who shave the lead with Lyons in the Middlesex. Berks, Bucks and Oxon region, will be put to the test by City of Oxford, well known for their fighting qualities. Lyons should have an easier test when they entertain Richings Park. Southgate, the champions, and Slough, continue their campaigns in the London League holding first and second position, respectively. Both are away teams today and their security security and Slough by London University. The weekend, however, is a little more strenuous for Southgate who are entertaining Hampstead tomorrow and may have to stretch themselves to win.

This was to have been a big Melbourne, Feb 8 Melbourne, Feb o

This is the season of package tours for crickcters, though it is not a very good one. On some recent England tours of Australia there have been as many as 400 winter migrants travelling under a wide variety of auspices, such as the Cricketer magazine, the Cricketers Club of London and, in the next two or three years, the tricketers time or three years, the Test and County Cricket Board. Several of the tour organizers found the initial response encouraging when they advertized last summer. In the cond only nine of these came under starter's order.

The England selectors have added Bhaji Flori (brother of Manjit), Green, Bunt, Lerwill, Pappin and Precious to their training party at Bisham Abbey.
Marlow, on March 1 and 2 in
preparation for the match against
Ireland at Lord's on March 21.

Second division Kick-off 3.0 unless stated First division Arsenal v Aston Villa Cambridge U v Cardiff Bury v Oxford U (3.15) Coverty v Stanchester C Fulham v Leicester Cardiale v Exeter C Palace v Stoke Oldham v Luton Chesterfield v Rotherham Everton v Ipswich Shrewsbury v Chariton Miliwall v Barusley

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againg when they are againg when the cond only nine of these came under starter's orders at London Airport—a doctor and his wife from Pullborough, a retired insurance broker and his wife from Dorking, two bachelors from Hampshire. a Fleet Street columnist and the courier's wife. The Test and County Cricket Board, hoping to bring four different parties, have finished with one. Many, it seems, took the plunge a year ago, when England were also in Australia, others are waiting for next year, when England will be in the West Indies, Others, still, are feeling the financial pinch.

A typical itinerary in an

Sutton v Reiford.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE:
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FA TROPHY: Second Round:
Ashington v Wokings

Third division Birmingham v Orient Blackburn v Blackpool ... Bristol R v Preston Brentford v Wimbledon

Leeds v Bolton Sunderland v Burnley Reading v Chester POSTPONED : Gillingham v Hull City; Plymouth v Southend.

> Fourth division Crewe v Aidershot Halifax v Bournemouth Peterborough v Northampton Portsmouth v Rochdale Port Vale v Huddersfield Scunthorpe v Bradford C (3.15) .. Transpere v Lincoln Waisall v Darlington Wigan v Herclord

FA VABE: Fifth Round Cray Wandersts v Newbury: Russetford t Wissell Sportson, Molesty v Billeticay Treen: Windsor and Eton v Legion-Windsol

thing like 100 of them went on what was a famous jamboree. This time the Qantas mantle is to be taken up by the Indonesian airline, Garuda, who are keen to break into Britain.

At a cost of £65,000 they will be offering a free trip, with living expenses included, to all Australian cricketers who have played for Australia in England, so long Melbourne, believe it or not, is the largest Greek-speaking city in the world. For Brunswick, a Mel-bourne suburb, playing in the the world. For Brunswick, a Mel-bourne suburb, playing in the second division of the sub-district league last weekend, Kokkino-poulos scored 42. It would be good to hear John Arlott wrap-ping his tongue round a mane like that, though to Brian

Australian year is to fit in two or three Test matches, a couple of one-day games, a trip round Sydney Barbour, some days for "sightseeding" and a visit to Bangkok on the way home. For countless cricket-lovers it is the ambition of a lifetime to watch England playing in Sydney. Adelaide Oval last week and is chance that the series will have been decided by the time they arrive. That has happened this time to some of the later artivals, though they seem not to mind very much.

For the Centennary Test at Lord's between England and Australia at the end of August, there will be another cricketing airlift. Three years ago, for the corresponding occasion in Melbourne, Qantas, the Australia aligned, five out from England, on a free ticket, all old England players who had played Test cricket in Australia. Something like 100 of them went on what was a famous jambore. This in the Sydney cricket ground.

Australian to make the time. They take a changed for Australia is recovering from a hip operation the Sydney cricket ground. Clarrie Grimmett, at 88 the father of them all, is, sadly, too ill to thus of going. His old cobber, Bill O'Reilly, with whom he span out so many sides, paid thim a nostalgic visit in Adelaide this week. O'Reilly is waiting for rils' Guernsey," as an invitation is called in Australia? The end of August, there will be another cricketing airlift. Three years ago, for the corresponding occasion in Melbourne, Qantas, the Australian airlifue, five out from England, on a free ticket, all old England players who had played Test cricket in Australia. Something like 100 of them went on what was a famous jambore. This melbourne, believe it or not, is the largest Greek-speaking city in the largest Gre Cricket in Melbourne is uniquely cosmopolitan.

Len Pascoe of the Australian side has changed his name from Durtanovitch. He was born in Western Australia of Yugoslav parents who were holidaying there. Pascoe is one of five Australian cricketers who have made themselves unavailable for Australia's forthcoming tour to Pakistan. Ian Chappell prefers to stay behind and try to lead South Australia to the Sheffield Shield, which will be decided after the tour has started. McCosker has his job to think about; Higgs is unfir; Thomson has lost his rightm and Pascoe, sad to say, is concerned about the possibility of political repercussions if he goes. To judge from Pascoe's own bowling and fielding a Yugoslavian cricket team would certainly not want for aggression.

As lovers of Craffiti, the people of Hydershad in Southern India aggression.

As lovers of Graffiti, the people of Hyderabad in Southern India would take a lot of beating. There

is hardly a spare square inch of wall in their city. As hangers of banners, the Melbourne crowd has a similar sort of obsession. Most of them are linked to a favourite cricketer's name. A selection of these would include: "The Ian Chappell memorial stand" (this was before Australia's former captain was recalled to the Australian team); "Dennis strikes more than Chrysler" (referring to Lillee's wicket-taking rate); "Is Irving Rosenwater real?"; "Brearley. every team needs Brearley, every team needs ne "; "Botham is Messiah "; one"; Botham is Messian";
"It's that man Randle again";
"Sooper Gooch": "Griffith loves Viv" (Griffith being a country nown in New South Wales and Viv. the West Indian batsman);
"First Bradman, now Higgs";
and, inevitably, "The Wiener When a series of rather smart posters appeared, saying "Up there, McGillyray" and "See the cricket on ABC Radio", Mr Packer's Channel Nine were quick

to protest. "That is perimeter adventising and you must take it down", the ground authority "It is nothing of the kind".
the Australian Broadcasting Commission said. "If you want to be

nasty then two can play at that game ", Channel Nine's chief pro-ducer said. The posters have dis-appeared now, but the exchanges are indicative of the rivalry that exists between the two networks. Until this year the ABC televised the Test matches; Channel Nine have taken them from them and have been granted exclusivity, which was how cricket's great schism was ended. The ABC are fighting hard to get them back. It is a battle that will continue through the Australian winter. Tought the England team leave here for Bombay, where they will play in the Jubilee Test against India from February 15 to 20. West Indies are playing against New Zealand in Dunedin and the England. I think, have the best

of it. It will be pleasant to break the homeward journey in Bombay and stay at the Taj Mahai Hotel that overlooks the honk and bustle of the harbour; it will be good to of the harmour; it will be good to be caught up again in the Indians' fanatical love of cricket and not to be rushed from one one-day match to another. The Indians would be pleased if they knew how much we are looking forward to seeing them. Basketball

Crucial visit to Tolworth for Team Ziebart The leaders in the National Basketball League, sponsored by

The leaders in the National Basketball League, sponsored by Rotary Warthes, start the running to the 1980 title, and a place in the national championship. The holders, Team Ziebart (Doncaster), visit Kelly Girl Intermentionals at Tolworth tomorrow (4.15) knowing that they must will to keep in touch with the leaders, Crystal Palace. But KGI are just as desperate for a victory if they are to maintain their challenge for the top four and a place will wembley in Murch.

Ovaltine (Hemel Hempstead) Brecurrently in fourth place and will be anxious not to slip up at Stretford against lowly ATS Giants today (6.00 pm). Sunblest (Sunderland) dropped out of the race after losing at Stockport and Saturday, where the League's top scorer, Bob Martin, of Stockport, missed part of the game withing hamstring injury.

The women's cup final will be a repeat of last season's match between Tigers (Hemel Hempstead) and Corvus Luton. The tifo teams won their two-leg semi-final round ties against Cieveland and Crystal Palace respectively. The final is at Wembley on March 15. March 15.

The Great Brimin team's attempt to reach the Olympic finals for the first time since 1948 will be supported by the Talbot Motor Company

Weekend fixtures

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Scottish premier division Rugby Union Efperulan v Morton Kilmarnock v Dundee Partick v Celtic

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Clydebank v Dunfermline Dumbarton v Hearts Hamilton v Berwick'..... Motherwell v St Johnstone Raith Rovers v Arbroath Stirling A v Ayr

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ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Alton Town v
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County Championship Final Lineashire v Glouestershire (at Vall or Line 2.30)
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Bath v Chekenham
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County Championship Final

Rugby League STATE EXPRESS CUP: First round: Wigan v Hull KR (2.30). Real Tennis

Lacrosse
south of England League:
First division: Cambridge University
v Loe: London University v Buckhurst
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St Hebse v Croydon.
NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE:
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WOMEN'S CLUB MATCHES:
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Pendey: Weybridge v Pumay. Lacrosse Cross country

English Area Chempionships—South 14t Perliament Hill. Veterant: AC Meeding (at Woodford). Race walking

Tomorrow NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Gales 1924 V Netherfield

Hockey

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Suffolk v Herdordshire. It Cranes, lpe-wich.

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BURKSHIRE CUP. Comi-final: Sonming v Reading (11.0),
WOMEN'S COUNTY MATCHES:
Contrast v Witshire (at St Austell):
Somerset v Berjanke (at Moorfelds).
Watwickshire v Anstay CPE (at Sutton
Coldfield: TV highlights

BEC 1
Football: Preview (12.20); March
of the Day (9.40)
Bobsleigh: European four man
champlonship (12.50)
Table tennis: Welsh open (1.5)
1.40 and 2.10)
Racing: Newbury races at 1.20,
1.50 and 2.30 1.50 and 2.30
Snooker: Masters tournament (2.50 and 4.23)
Rugby League: Challenge Cup.
Wigan v Hull KR (3.20v
Darts: World professional chanpionship (4.5)
BBC 2 Table tennis: Norwich Union trophy (6.20)
Snooker: Masters tournament (8.50 and 11.25)
Darts: World professional championship (10.40)
ITV ootball: Preview (12.35)

Football: Preview (12.35)
Athletics: Pan-Am international from Australia (1.0) .4
Racing: Wolverhampton races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.50, and 3.0: Catterick Bridge races at 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45
Boxing: WBC world heavyweight championship (3.10)
Wrestling: Reading promotion (4.0)
Snocker: professional celebrate Rugby Union: County champion ship final (5.15) ITV—tomorrow Foorball: Big Match (2.45)

Oosterhuis is at his lowest as he hits his highest noon in Hawaii

Peter Oosterhuis has at last got off to a good start. A first round off to a good start. A first round 67 in the Hawaiian Open over the Walalae Course here left the Briton in a small group behind the leaders, George Burns and Leonard Thompson. Oosterhuis spent the day before the championship fighting off 'flu and teed up today in a weak condition," i felt too weak", he said, " to get angry if I began taking three putts again, so I thought I had hetter do something about it". putts again, so I mought I had better do something about it ". He holed one or two long putts, was never over par, and finished with two birdies to put him in a good mood for tomorrow.

A 71 at Cypress Point last week told him he was striking the ball well, but he has been dogged this year by raking three putts just by taking three putts just

A chip that rapped the stick hard and stopped three feet away gave him a birdle at the long first and was an important morale boost. A further boost came at the fourth, where he left himself with fourth, where he left himself with a 90ft putt, but got down in two for his par. Out in 33, he holed from 10ft at the renth to save par. By now he was beginning to forget the day he had spent in bed and his pitches to the fourteenth and the next two holes all finished 10 to 12ft away for pars. He finished in the grand manner.

At the seventeenth bole, where the course joins the sea, be hit a six-iron in a strong cross-wind to three feet for a birdle and followed it with a bunker shot to oft and single putt for another blade.

pends, had gained full strength. Watson's name is on every-one's lips. It is not heard so often when Nickiaus is around, but he is around so seldom by comparison. Burns, who won last week at the Crosby, was glad to be steered round the course by Watson in the first round and to see what he could learn from him.

and made a birdie, as he did at the other three long holes. Again, towards the close of his round he took three putts from 20ft at the seventeenth, but at the long eighteenth he took his new driver

seventeenth, but at at the legit eighteenth he took his new driver again from the light rough and banged it five feet from the hole. He missed the putt for an eagle but he had played a master stroke. Two clear examples of snapping back after a setback.

Burns was still on a cloud after his first tour victory last week, but if he came here prepared for reaction, it has not shown itself yet, except perhaps towards the end in a growing indecision over club selection. Still he played his inward half after starting at the tenth in 33, and that included some of the tougher holes, including a short hole into wind which required a one-fron off the tee for long hitters. All players in Watson's trio with Pate and Burns failed to hit the green from the

tee.

Thompson showed early what could be done by playing the first time holes in 30 with a string of

five birdies, four of them with putts of 16ft or less and the fifth coming from reaching the green in two at a long hole.

Playing his second half, which was the first nine holes and the more difficult, he was all over the place but holed out well repeatedly to say himself. to save himself. Thompson is 6ft 2in and once weighed 16st 6lb. He lost 3st 8lb in a crash diet of three months and at the same time lost most of his game. He is back on an even keel at 14st 4lb, which what he could learn from nim.

Respect for the man could hardly be more clearly implied. In fact, Burns drove better than Watson, but what he did learn was the value of a constantly aggressive value of a constantly aggressive seems to suit him.

At the other end of the scale of the Rodriguez is still the

At the ninth hole of his round
the shaft of Warson's driver
snapped but it did not affect the
tee shot and he did not allow
the incident to affect him. He followed it with a one-iron from a
poor lie in the rough to the green

and read a bridge as he did at

The other end of the scale
drawn like parchament over his
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Rodriguez finished close behind
the leaders with 67, missing many lightest man on tour, his skill drawn like parchment over his bones. Trevino is the same height as he but weighs 3st 8lb more. Rodriguez finished close behind the leaders with 67, missing many fairways but putting beautifully, a change he attributed to starting to hold the putter cross-handed.

He had tried the method once before for four weeks and won a before for four weeks and won a lot of money with it. "Then I quit, which shows you how smart I am. But then I'm a Puerto Rican, so what do I know?" Married to a Hawaiian, he I's everybody's host here this week. worn out but takes the

Hard day's

Miss Knight

Carole Knight ended the reign

singles champion in the Stiga

Welsh open table tennis champion-

Centre, Cardiff, yesterday. Miss

Knight, aged 22, from Cleveland,

who had slumped to eighth in the

national rankings only a short

while ago, underlined her recent revival in form and elevation to second place with a superb second-round victory by 21—9, 12—21, 21—15. It was the first time for two years that Mrs. Hammersley had been beaten by another English player in Britain.

Despite this record, Miss Knight has lost only once to the European No 1 in the past four years. Two years ago she beat her three times in as many weeks, winning the Norwich Union English and international tribe on the way.

Mrs Hammersley, four times wimer of the Welsh championship, has recemily been beset by domestic problems, announcing the other day that she is separated from her husband after a nine-

Miss Knight did not enjoy her

final round she found the brilliant

defence of Bu Qijuan too good and was beaten in three hard games 21—18, 22—20, 27—25. The Chinese crowned their day by getting all four of their representatives into the semi-final round,

international titles on the way.

year marriage.

work for

Table tennis

Snooker

Griffiths and Higgins both build commanding leads

By Sydney Friskin By Sydney Friskin
A brilliant break of 77 by Terry
Griffiths, the world professional
snooker champion, highlighted the
first of the semi-final round
matches in the Masters tournament, sponsored by Benson and
Hedges, at the Wembley Conference Centre, yesterday. At the
halfway stage, Griffiths led John
Spencer by four frames to mil.
In the day's other semi-final. spencer by rour tranes to fil.

In the day's other semi-final,
Ray Reardon went one better with
a break of 78 in the third frame,
against Alex Higgins, but Higgins
still ded 3—1 at the interval, after
a tense battle for supremacy in the
fourth frame.

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Griffiths had to work hard for his break in the fourth frame, which needed careful countol of the cue ball. It was only after he had slotted the last red, that the way was open for him to clear the table, which he could have done, but for the fact that the pink ball bounced out of one nocket and hovered over another. pocket, and pocket, and visit, Spencer conceded the frame. In the third frame, Griffiths gained ascendancy with a break of 62, which promptly ended when he missed an easy blue. Spencer, who was struggling all the way, had no option, after conceding four more points, but to concede the frame. On Thursday night, Hissian the black.

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attempt to pot the brown. Griffiths came in to take the last four balls on the table.

Reardon did his best not to let Higgins run away with the match and made it clear from the start that he was not going to be hustled. Higgins potted only one red in the third frame, before Reardon, profiting by a foul stroke, made his break of 78, picking up the black again and again, with uncanny precision. It consisted of 12 reds, six blacks, two pinks, two blues, and a yellow. When he completed this break, he led 85—1, and then cleared the table with a break of 37.

Higgins, scoring more fluently but still missing the occasional easy shot, the ball wobbling over easy shot, the ball wobbling over a pocket a couple of times, and conceding a number of points on foul strokes, took the first two frames easily enough. But he had to struggle to win the fourth. With the score 57—51 in Reardon's favour, Reardon had a chance of

wans, of South Arrica, who had defeated him in last year's final, second frame that Spencer was in with a chance.

Despite a fighting break of 28 by Griffiths. Spencer still led 39—36. A stage was reached when Spencer could have cleared the table but for a hurried and costly

Olympic Games

British pair still at work

Lake Placid, Feb 8.—The British team for the Winter Olympics rapidly increasing in numbers, are happily and healthily undergoing final practice sessions in preparation for next week's events. Dick Palmer, the vice-president of the British Olympic Association and team leader here, said last night all but 11 competitors had arrived at the village.

The most notable omission so far is the British and European men's figure skating champion, Robin Cousins. He and the British women's champion, Karena Richardson, are still in Denver working under the watchful eye

The Games programme

FEB 12 (local times); Ice hockey, first cound (13,00 to 20,30).

FEB 13: Opening ceremony (14,30).

Luge, first round.

15:00m (10,50); Appine sking, men's locoming in skidon, second run downfull (11,30). Nordic sking, men's downfull (13,00). Luge, second round (14,00). Ice hockey, second round (14,00). Ice hockey, second round (14,00). Second sking, men's compulsory (8,00). Speed sking, women's compulsory (8,00). Speed sking, women's compulsory (8,00). Speed sking, women's 2000 (10,30).



For the record Cycling ANTWERP: Str-day race. final placings: 1 R. Pilnen (Netherlands), R. de Vlaeminck (Belgium), W. Perigen (W. Cormany), R. de Vlaeminck (Belgium), W. Perigen (W. Germany), R. de Wolf (Belgium), seven laps behind, 802: 3, H. Schütz (W. Germany), R. Hermann & Licchtenstein), G. Vertinden (Belgium), dight laps, 972: 4, 5, 70urne (Belgium), H. Van Linden (Belgium), M. Venix (Netherlands), 10 laps, 855: 5, W. de Bosschot (Belgium), G. Vertinden (Belgium), G. Venix (Netherlands), 10 laps, 1779; 6, 49cct. 70 rad. 779: 6, 49cct. 70 rad. 789: 6, Wischen (Belgium), G. 20 laps, 189: 8, M. Button (BB), J. Van Linden (Belgium), G. 20 laps, 10 laps

Real tennis

Ice hockey NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Islanders 1. Los Angales King 1: Boston Bruins 8. Toronto Mapic Leas 5: Buralo Sabres 9. Pitsburgh Penguins 0. Montread Canadens 1. Colorado Rockles 5: Vancotiver Canucks 4. Philadelphia Flyres 1. Basketball

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Latest European snow reports

Excellent piste skiing
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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

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Silver Shadow looks good for Gold Trophy

Silver Shadow and John O'Neill can give Peter Easterby his sec-ond successive triumph in the 220,000 Schweppes Gold Trophy at Newbury this afternoon, and they should have most to fear from Potato Merchant and Never Lit

Up.
Silver Shadow has been improvIng by leaps and bounds all season: after finishing runner-up to
Golden Vow in the Mecca Book-Golden Vow in the Mecca Book-makers Handlcap Hurdle at San-down in November, the mare was sent to Haydock, where, after be-ing taken to the front a long way from home, she stayed on well to take third place behind Miss Quay. As a result of that effort, she was allotted 10st 13lb in the Schwerner.

Her latest performance at Don-caster was a revelation. Ridden by O'Neill, the grey strolled home by six lengths from Danish King. by six lengths from Danish King, and the winning margin could have been doubled if her rider had wished. "See you in the unsaddling enclosure at Newbury" was Easterby's parting shot before flying off for his holiday in Madeira.

Potato Merchaut has been the subject of an old-fashloned Irish gamble to repeat the previous victories of his compatriots. Good Review and Irish Fashion. The Pat

Review and Irish Fashion. The Pat Hughes-trained five-year-old has all the credemials necessary to win a Schweppes: he loves soft ground, stays two and a half miles, and on the flat he had the ability to run Jack of Trumps to half a length in the Irish Cesarewitch when in receipt of 13lb. Furthermore, the gelding won his last hurdle race by eight lengths at Leopardstown. With only 10st 2lb and the determined Tommy Carberry in the saddle, Potato Merchant will be desperately hard to overcome.

Never Lit Un has sprung into Review and Irish Fashion. The Pat

overcome.

Never Lit Up has sprung into prominence in the last week. After

ents first-class form as Prince of Ecrmuda is the only horse to have defeated Parleur d'Or in that much improved hurdler's last four races, and Parleur d'Or certainly gave this form a boost when wiu-ning by 12 lengths at Fontwell on Wednesday. If Bill Smith can manage to restrain Never Lit Up in the early stages, the gelding must represent the best each-way bet in the race.

Snowtown Boy and Golden Vow have been the other well supported horses in the race. Snowported horses in the race. Snow-town Boy trotted up by 15 lengths from Regalus at Kempton, but stable confidence seems to be evalporating now that the ground has become so heavy. Golden Vow heat Silver Shadow by five lengths at Sandown. Bob Hartop's sixyear-old was then given a rest until reappearing in Silver Shadow's race at Doncaster, where, after naking the early running, he faded out to finish fifth. However, the formerly Newmarker-trained gelding has delighted Hartop in his recent home work and his owner. Roger Dowsett, has backed him to win 50 000 Ryan Price's Durch

Roger Dowsett, has backed him to win £50,000. Ryan Price's Dutch Treat; Tony; Hugabug; and Tallem Bend must all be taken into consideration, but I am banking on Silver Shadow to win from Potato Merchant and Never Lit Up. The other main attractions on the Berkshire track will be the appearance of Tony Dickinson's two aces, Silver Buck and I'm a Driver, in the Compton Chase and Game 'Spirlt Handicap respectively. However, a warning note was sounded by Michael Dickinson yesterday: "Tommy Carmody will walk the track tomorrow morning, and if conditions have deteriorated we might withdraw both horses. Otherwise they will both run, even if it means going on the wide outside in search of the better ground."

Although Approaching last search.

finishing a disappointing fourth to Danish King at Kempton, Fulke Walwayi's six-year-old showed draw matic, improvement on that form the Cheltenham Gold Cup for Josh



The winner, Hill of Slane, safely over the last in yesterday's Stroud Green Hurdle

Gifford at some fancy prices and although the New Zealand-bred Royal Mail was only a few pounds below top-class last season, it is impossible to oppose Silver Buck. However, it may pay to oppose I'm a Driver. On fast ground this exciting front runner is the fastest two-miler in the country, as he showed when alamming Young. showed when slamming Young Arthur by eight lengths at Doncaster. Pine Brook and last year's winner, Casbah, love both shown their ability to act under the prevailing conditions; but I shall take a chance with the lightlyweighted novice, Gambling Prince.
Yesterday's meeting at Kelso was abandoned, but some much

needed light was shed on the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle at Newbury yesterday when Hill of Slane, ridden to perfection by Andy Turnell, produced a devastation was the format to commend the state of t tating turn of speed to overwhelm Asmar and Pulse Rate in the clos-Asmar and Pulse Rane in the closing stages of the Strond Green Hurdle. Gay George was a bitter disappointment: after disappointment: after disappointment: after disappling the early lead with Chandheer. Fulke Walwyns four-year-old faded out to finish fifth. Hill of Slates performance in giving so much weight to a useful field paid a handsome complement not only to Batchacre Hall, who beat him easily at Cheltenham, but also to Gleason who had defeated Hill.

The rest of the day's interest lay in the chases. The Annas-rained Bishop's Pawn, who made the 700-mile round trip from the Scottish borders to win at Sandown last Saturday, made a journey of similar length to beat Forbidden Fruit by 12 lengths in the Thatcham Handicap Steeplechase. Trained by John Nelson, Bishop's Pawn was ridden to perfection by his con. Him Gold

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Newbury programme

[Television (BBC 1): 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races] 1.30 MINORS' HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o novices: £1,157: 2m 100yd)

Humboldt (M. Stewkesbury), M. Maccana P. Burgayne Visconti (Mrs. D. Balley), A. Dickinson, 11-9 T. Carnodd Blood Brother (Mrs. H. Price), B. Price, 11-4 T. P. Haynes
Broque (K. Higson), A. Moore, 11-4 T. G. Moore 7
Digitinge (Duke of Alburquerque), F. Winter, 11-4

Marquis De Cuellar

Dalling, 11-4 C. Candy

2.0 GAME SPIRIT CHASE (Handicap: £4,968: 2m 160yd) 113-40f Casbah (CD) Lord Leverbulme, T. Forster, 15-10-209 3041f1 Pine Brook (CD) (Mrs D. Hues) D. Gandolfo, 6-10-2 J. O'Nelli 211 00-1111 Gambling Prince (Executors of the late J. P. Jones, T-10-1 J. Suthern 7-4 I'm A Driver, 3-1 Siberian Sun. 11-2 Tsuru, 6-1 Breemount Don, 15-2 Pine Brook, 10-1 Gambling Prince, 20-1 Casbah. 2.40 SCHWEPPES GOLD TROPHY HURDLE (Handicap: £16,425:

001-101 Secret Ballot (H. Joel), R. Turnell, 6-11-5 00-1011 Snowtown Boy (CD) (Mrs M. Kean), F. Winter, 311 11-0441 Nover Lit Up (CD) (Mrs B. Gallanti, F. Walwyn.

510 02-2104 Hugabug (Mrs V. Pritchard-Gordon), R. Smyth, 5-10-0
517 11-100 Dutch Treat (CD) (Mrs H. van der Ploeg), H. Price, 7-10-0
518 212110 Norfolk Arrow (CD) (R. Peskin), J. Gifford, 5-10-0 R. Rowe,
520 00-3120 Battlement (D. Russell), L. Kennerd, 6-10-0 ... P. Hayne,
520 00-3120 Battlement (D. Kerr), C. Thornton, 8-10-0 ... M. Murphy 4.
521 00-117 Brickwall Hele (P. Hopkins), J. Gifford, 5-10-0 G. Enright
522 00-pp10 MynRadiak (E. Gezry), Gezry, 8-10-0 ... G. Old
5-1 Silver Shadow, 11-2 Snowtown Boy, Potato Merchant, 8-1 Never Lit Up.

And 3-230pu Bachejer's Hall (C,D) (P. Harris), P. Gundell, 10-11-5

3.40 CHARLES HIGGINS MEMORIAL CHASE (Hunters: £908:

320f- Coolishall (B. Munro-Wilson), Munro-Wilson, Mr B. Munro-Wilson), Mr B. Munro-4233po- Lord Browndodd (CD) (R. Good), P. Cundell, 12-12, Mr R. p- Persian Filer (C. Foriv), Forty, 11-12-7 Mr C.
111111- Remigle (D) (Mrs G. Paterson), F. Winter, 12-12-7 3220- Sun Lion (D) (R. Waley-Cohen), N. Henderson, 1612-7-11823- Ten lie (Coal | Indiana Tennis | Mr. Henderson (Col. 1871)

4.10 MINORS' HURDLE (Div II : 4-y-o novices : £1,149 : 2m 100yd) SHURDLE (Div H: 4-y-o movices: £1,149: 2m 100yd)

Barmp | R. Sconcer: M. H. Easterby, 11-9 ... O'Nelli
Iskares | Diumenow | F. Walwyn | 1-9 ... W. Smith
Iskares | Diumenow | F. Walwyn | 1-9 ... R. Smith
Alnest Mesic Sumley | J. Jordins 11-9 ... R. Evans
Alnest Ashariali | D. Turner | C. Bensicad | 11-4 ... R. Hughos
Bishops Bow | Mer A. Morley | R. Turnell, 11-4 ... C. Walte 4
Camp Hill (R. York | York | 1-1 ... Mr R. York 3
Compre (I) Angus | D. Elsworth | 11-4 ... Mr R. York 3
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Crown Pageant (R. Wright) P. Cundell, 11-3 ... J. Fancome
Havon Cool | J. Marston | F. Rimell, 11-3 ... J. King
Pay Frace (H. Joel), R. Turnell, 11-3 ... S. G. Kelight 4
Prince Candy of Sickland Sulckind 11-4 Mr S. Stickland Salist Taffy | Mirs | L. Dresher | J. Wobber | 11-3 ... A. Webber
Theydom Prince (Mrs F. Tower) C. Read | 11-4 ... P. Blacker
11-4 Jahakhi | N. Masson | 11-4 ... P. Blacker
11-4 Jaharna | 7-2 Oucen's Music | 10-1 Crown Pageant | 12-4 ... P. Blacker

Rheinford, Havon Cool 14-1 Bishops Bow, 20-1 others.

Newbury selections

By Michael Seely
1.30 Lanarkland, 2.0 Gambling Prince, 2.40 SILVER SHADOW is specially recommended, 3.10 Silver Buck, 3.40 King Kong II. 4.10

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Hastings-Bass gets second winner of week

William Hastings-Bass made his record for the year two out of two when Stand Easy led throughout the 10 furiones of the £3,911 Prix D'Ajaccio at Cagnes-sur-Mer yesterday. He had also won with Flash Connection on Tuesday. Stand Easy, who was confidently ridden by Gerard Dubroeucq, set

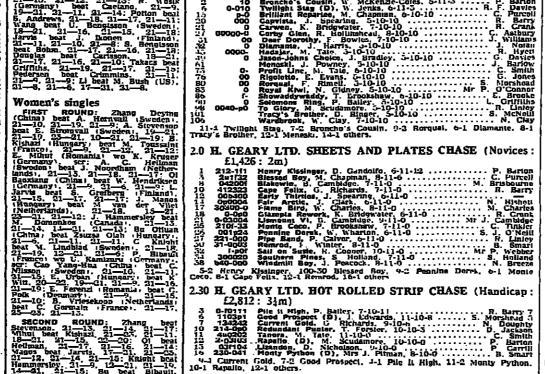
ridden by Gerard Dubroeucq, set a very slow pace for the first balf-mile. He was pressed by another English runner, Lord Gallant, ridden by Paul Tulk, for the final three furlongs but always held the upper hand and it was a surprise when the official distance was announced as a short head. White's Umbrella, trained by Neville Callaghan, finished a distant fifth after showing up well tant fifth after showing up well to the straight.

Norbury, the only English chal-lenger in the £4.469 Pri Docteur lenger in the £4.469 Pri Docteur Gazagnaire, was fourth of the £2 runners turning for home but faded quickly to finish in the ruck behind Kashmir Song. Tulk, who node Norbury, will be in action again tomorrow on Rabdan in the £2.793 Prix des Monstlers. Rabdan showed promise in his two outings last year and, since he has only

The only other English chal-lenger tomorrow is Carriage Way.

Wolverhampton programme

[Television (ITV): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races] 1.30 H. GEARY LTD. HIRE WORK HURDLE (Novices: £1,238:



3.0 H. GEARY LTD. COLD ROLLED STRIP HURDLE (Handicap:

25,115; 2 m | 1 olp-210 Spring Froit (D), F Winter, 7-12-0 M. Bastard 2 d-16033 Saucy Deve (CD), G. Price, 8-11-11 Cccil Price 1 112023 Saucy Deve (CD), G. Price, 8-11-11 Cccil Price 1 112023 Coorsile, A. Dickinson, 5-11-2 G. Tinkier 5 31-03-00 Score (C.D), G. Blum, 7-11-1 J. Barlow 6 21477; Rimondo, E. Carter, 5-11-0 M. Lowry 8 714-310 Sir Sountifiel, S. Coite, 6-10-12 B. Smart 10 01011 Miss Quay (C), M. Tate, 6-10-11 G. Smith 1 00000 Sill Hobbs (D), G. Balding, R-10-2 R. Linley 13 031-000 Loogh Street, M. Oliver, 7-10-0 P. Hobits 18 22140 Malicious Red. J. Leigh. 1-10-0 J. Beaton 11-1 Miss Quay, N-1 Cooralle, S-1 Saucy, Dove, 15-2 Spring Froit, 8-1 Sir Sountiful, 10-1 Bill Hobbs, 12-1 Rimondo, 11-1 pfhers. 3.30 WARLEY HURDLE (Handicap: 5-y-o: £757: 2m)

4.0 TIVIDALE CHASE (Hunter: £416: 31m) 1 230311- Coder's Daughter (D), Miss S. Griffiths, 9-12-10 ... N. Oliver

2 110- Sparkford, Wrs P. Morris, 9-12-10 ... J. Bryan

5 pf Chapeau d'or, A. Twine, 10-12-0 ... J. Bryan

Chapeau d'or, A. Twine, 10-12-0 ... T. Farr,

2 The Wrestier, B. Staight 10-12-0 ... G. Staight

2 The Wrestier, B. Staight 10-12-0 ... W. Tolhursy

10 4 Zane Gray, A. Long, 9-12-10 ... A. Long

5-4 Sparkford, 5-2 Cedor's Daughter, 9-2 Vulbay Ruier, 8-1 The Wrestier.

12-1 others.

Wolverhampton selections

By Michael Seely 1.30 Rorqual. 2.0 Henry Kissinger. 2.30 Current Gold. 3.0 Miss Quay. 3.30 Cole Porter. 4.0 Sparkford.

Catterick Bridge selections

By Michael Seely
1.45 Solar Emperor. 2.15 Red Mills. 2.45 Skiddaw View. 3.15 Queensberry Lad. 3.45 Magic Tipp. 4.15 Dismantler.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All Charles of Country Country Palm. Rock Dove. Great Avenue.

yesterday

The Shipe Mr P. Webber (15-2) 3

ALSO RAN 11-2 Our Baloo, 6-1

Roadbead (4th), French Saint (p),
10-1 News King, 12-1 Fiord (f) 20-1

Rizza (p), 25-1 Ailled Carpets, 10 ran,
NR: Candy VI.

TOTT: Win, 20p: places, 14p, 25p,
27p, dual forecast, 21.15, (SF: 22.65)

J. Nelson, at Annan, 121, 71. 2.50 (2.51) STROUD CREEN HURDLE (4-y-0.52,616) 2m 100yd;

HILL OF SLANE, b g, by The Parson — Polenka (E. Lynch).

11-10 A. Turnell (1/h): 1

Asmar J, Nolan (5-1): 2

Pulse Rais J. O'Neill 17-2 (av. 3

ALSO RAN: 5-3 Gay George, 15-2

Shallwell, 12-1 Born b Reason, 11-1

Donegal Prince, 20-1 Periculo Ludus, 12-1

Chandleer (1/h), Egbert, 50-1

Paul Sluari, 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, L1.25 places, 51p, 24p, 10p; dual forecast, 12-80, CSF: 26-57.

A. Jarvis, at Caventry, 71. 24.

A. Jarvis, at Coventry, 71, 1st.

3 0 (5.3) MARWELL CHASE (Haudicae): EX.5500 3mt.

NIMRODY, b 9, by Tarquogan—
Croiters (Shaikh All Abu Kham.
1010-10 W Smith (1) 1 2

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ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Poter Scoluth, 6-1 Even Up. B-1 Jack Madnuss, 10-1 Coulaimery (1) 35-1 Lucky Victory, 8 ran. NR: Border Incidont, Batheturs Holl.

TOTE: Win: 35p; places, 14p, 20p.
21p. Dual F: £2.55. CSF £3.35.
F. Winter at Lambourn, 11-J. 81. F. Whiter at Lambourn, 1'd. 81.

5.50 (3.35) CRICKLADE HURBLE (Handicap: £1,791: 2m of 120yd.)

SWANES PRINCE, br 9, by My Swinge-Line-Dec (Mrs 1.

Dechurst 1-11-7

Wr 0. Sherwood (10-1: 1 Mr 0ryx ... 8. R. Davies (5-1: 2 Shullaris ... J Frencome (8-1: 3 Shullaris ... J Frencome (8-1: 3 Shullaris ... J Frencome (8-1: 3 Shullaris ... J King's Honour. 35-1 Ferican Lad. Swing Through. Oranmore (p. Wing Spirit, Chichester Bird. 13 ran.

TOTE Win (51:39: places, 250, 34n.

Brd. 13 ran. FOTE. Win: \$1.39; places. 25p, 34p, 25p. Dual F. Cl.70, CSF. \$5.81. F. Winter at Lambourn. 21, 41. F. Winter at Lambourn. 21. 41.

4.0 (1.8) LANGFORD HURDLE (Handicap: Novices: £1.535° Jm 12094° RUSSELL'S CHOICE, ch in, by Vellow River—Marry Action (R. McLoughlin: 6-1-R M. Copic (12-1) 1

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Corbiore B Smart (15-2) 2

Gendini Miss J. Nolan (5-1) Tavi 3

-41-50 RAN: 13-2 1 Yary Thrust. Gemini Miss J. Nolan 7.-1 fav. 3

ALSO RAN. 12-2 Ivory Thrust.
15-2 Moonlight Exercis. 16-1 Renson.
1-1 Regal Choice (4th. 12-1 Go
Gentle. 12-1 Buck Royale. Oer the
Border. 20-1 Kindly Night. 25-1 OakBorder. 20-1 Kindly Night. 25-1 CakBorder. 20-1 Kindly Night. 25-1 CakBorder. 20-1 Kindly Night. 25-1 CakBorder. 20-1 Kindly Cay. Greenpeace.
Kopman. 19-1 Lancy Cay. Greenpeace.
Carle's Imp 19-1 Lady Zeka. 25-ran.
TOTE: Whn. 84.14; Daters. 21p. Carle's line 191. Lady Zeta. 25 ran.
TOTE: Whis: E.1.1: places. 21p.
35p. 10p. 65p. Dust Fr. 28, 86. C5r.
SS-61. G. Balding at weyhill. 12, 10i.
TOTE DOUBLE. Hin or Shrane and
Swanne Prince. E77, 45. TREBLE:
Bishope Pawn. Nurrody and Russell's
Choice. Lue. 25. JACKPOT. Not won.
Pool of E5.000. Carried forward to
Newbury today. PLACEPOT: £14.40.

Newbury results | Catterick Bridge programme [Television (ITV): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]
1.45 THE BROUGH HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £695: 2m)



Z.15 ASAE HURDLE (Handicap: £91/: 2m)

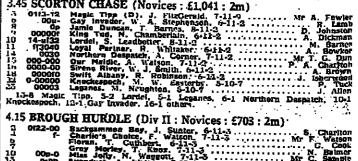
1 242231 The Co-Bey (D), J. S. Wilson. 6-12-4 ... N. Balmer
2 431000 Handycu!! (D), A. Scott, 8-12-2 ... N. Tinkict
5 114-02 Red Mills (D), A. Dickinson. 7-11-4 ... R. Earnshaw
6 023044 Christian (D), MacDonald, 7-11-4 ... J. L. Gouldag
7 130030 Christian (D), F. Wallon. 10-10-9 ... Mr. Lynth
10 0334-22 Sweet Mills (D), C. Lamb. 07-10-5 ... C. Briwnies
11 24021-0 Maor Close (D), M. H. Lastery 0-10-2 ... A. Brown
15 4034-22 Sweet Mills (D), R. Cross, 0-10-0 ... Miss A. Cross
17 600110 Tidy Word (D), R. Cross, 0-10-0 ... Miss A. Cross
17 600110 Tidy Word (D), R. Stone. 8-10-0 ... A. Finit
19 00213- Trickers, R. Johnson, 6-10-0 ... P. A. Carlton
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Rajan, 10-1 Moor Gloso, Sweet Mille, 12-1 Crown Court, 14-1 Othors. 2.45 CATTERICK GRAND NATIONAL TRIAL STAKES CHASE (Handicap: £2,099: 3}m)

3.15 NORTHERN CHASE (Hunters: £523:3m)

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IN BRIEF

Imperial closer to success on hotel chain

Imperial Group's \$630m (5275m) cash bid for Howard Johnson, the United States hotels and restaurant group, has moved significantly closer to success.

The group revealed in New York yesterday that a major legislative hurdle concerning liquor licences, which threa-tened to jeopardize the deal, has been overcome in 36 out of 40 states in which "Ho-Jo"

en-Bass

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Shareholders of both groups have already agreed the takeover, but the bid remains conditional on Imperial's United States lawyers getting changes in state laws which prevent liquor producers controlling retail outlets.

In London yesterday an Imperial spokesman refused to identify the four states yet to clear the deal.

E1.5m for new centre

.The Leverhulme Trust is to provide £1.5m over five years to establish an independent Centre for the Analysis of Technical Change. The project is also to be supported by the Science Research Council and the Social Science Research Council.

750 to lose jobs

Up to 750 people will lose their jobs when Platt Saco Lowell, the textile machinery division of Stone-Plant Industries closes its Oldham plant later this year. The company blames a world slump in demand for textile machinery.

Garment import quota A quota of 115,000 garments has been imposed on imports into the United Kingdom of jackets and blazers from the

Philippines during 1980. This follows a rapid rise in such imports, from 5,000 to 100,000 in the three years to 1979.

260,000 ton ship deal

Hitachi Shipbuilding and Engineering, Japan's main shipbuilder, has signed a contract with Chivalry Carriers of Liberia to build the world's largest iron ore carrier—260,000 tons dead weight. The cost will be around 13,000m yen (about £23.5m).

Ecuador £4m steady

A unit of the Hawker Sidde-ley Group has been awarded a £4m contract for supplying and erecting electrical substations and transmission line structures in Ecuador. The award, by Empresa Electrica el Oro was made to the high voltage divi-sion of Hawker Siddeley Power

Computer growth

Expenditure on computing services in Western Europe will match that of the United States by 1983 if the present 15 per cent growth continues, according to the European Computing Services Association. The Services Association. The Western European total for 1978 was \$5,700m (about

ARTHUR GUINNESS Chairman told the annual meeting that while economic circumstances have affected group operating companies in varying ways, nevertheless, the general trend in sales has continued to be upward.

Belgium Fr

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Finland Mkk

France Fr Germany Dm

Greece Dr Hongkong \$ Ireland Pd

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CBI chief gives warning over hasty legislation against unions

Management Correspondent A warning against hasty industrial relations legislation ment.

Has been exerted on the British Steel Corporation for a settlement.

Was issued by Sir John Methyen, directorsenses. was issued by Sir John Methven, director-general of the
Confederation of British Industry, yesterday. "We could have
a disaster on our hands if we
try in the present frenzied
atmosphere to put hasty legislation on the statute book with
out proper consultation". Sir

The industrialists are, how
ever, showing increasing frustration over secondary industration over secondary industration in general after
three industry-wide strikes in
the last year.

This was forcefully expressed
by Sir Raymond Pennock, the
out proper consultation". Sir out proper consultation". Sir John told the National Federa Employers.

In an attempt to cool his members' growing anger over secondary disruption in the steel srike. Sir John Methven said that industrialists should seek improvements as much through their own actions as through legislation. "Our job is to communicate as we have never done before," he said. Pressure is growing from militants within the CBI for it to toughen its official representations to the Government's Employment Bill.

The CBI's official policy formulated during an unusually lengthy meeting of its grand council in December is that, apart from comparatively minor changes, it supports the Bill for the time being. The support. however, was conditional on an attempt attempt being made for stronger measures on trade union immunities and secondary picketing at a later date. Members voted down their officers' recommendation for a

moderate approach to industrial relations legislation by a narrow majority at the national council last November. Since then, as a result of the steel strike and courts decisions on secondary industrial action, the dissidents have become more vociferous in pressing for stronger legislation. Sir John Methyen has also

urged the need for speedy re-form but he said that "legislation will only touch the tip of the iceberg".

Referring to the public opinion poll carried out for The Times last month, he said that most people are in favour of leglislation to curb union powers, and the unions should

accept and not fight this limi-With the private steelmakers

This was forcefully expressed by Sir Raymond Pennock, the CBI's president-designate and chairman of Imperial Chemical of Building Trades Industries, last week when he said that companies who manage to perform well were in danger of being "sucked into the mire" and reduced to the level of the lowest.

The fact that manufacturers have coped with the present dispute so much better than expected was "a sad reflect-ion" on the practice they had experienced recently of preparing for strikes and learning to live with them.

Sir John Methven has also been speaking out against union actions in the last few weeks. At the same time as urging a moderate stance, he too expressed impatience with the current situation yesterday. There comes a time when we have to say enough is enough ' he said, " and that time has now been reached ".

Referring to criticisms about earlier hawkish remarks, Sir John said that the time had come when "we can no longer stand idly by, watching the United Kingdom torn apart by strike action; when we can no longer watch our opportunities, fact watch the future of British business, destroyed as strike follows strike".

A great many CBI members have strong feelings against compulsory strike action. Sir John reflected these yesterday when he said: "We've heard a lot in the last week about the unions protecting their right to strike." But what about respecting

the equal right of their mem-bers to work? If we're going to have freedom and demo-cracy, let's really have it. Why cannot workers not directly involved in a strike have the option of not joining the strike if they so wish?" He asked whether it was really in the interests of union

GEC raises Decca bid to £100m

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke
General Electric Company
bettered Racal's latest bid for
Decca yesterday with an offer
which could be worth more
than £100m. Racal's response
was to hold its position over the
weekend with a statement saying it was considering a further
offer, and it will decide on
Monday whether to withdraw
or make a further counter bid.
It is clear though that the man £100m. Racal's response was to hold its position over the weekend with a statement saying it was considering a further offer, and it will decide on Monday whether to withdraw or make a further counter bid. It is clear though that the battle has reached its final stages. Neither GEC nor Racal will want to pay much more will want to pay much more than this for Decca which underlined its problems yesterday by disclosing that its borrowings have risen from £51m to £66m at the end of last year.

last year. Whatever the Racal board Whatever the Racal board decides, however, the whole issue could be thrown back into the melting por if Mr Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, decides to recommend to Mr John Nott. Secretary for Trade, that there should be a monopolies investigation.

Any reference would be up to Mr Nott, though GEC seemed to be going out of its way yesterday to remind Whitehall that its long-range philosophy

By Nicholas Hirst

Energy Correspondent

Mr Malcolm Ford, deputy

managing director of Shell UK

Exploration and Production, is to join the board of the state-

owned British National Oil Cor-poration. Mr Ford, who is in

his 50s, will be the most senior

private sector oil man to have

ioined the natonal concern so

An announcement confirming his appointment is expected

early next week. It will have

added significance because it will come just before the ex-

pected government statement on

bringing private capital into the

exploration and production side

Having served abroad for

many years. Mr Ford qualifies

for early retirement from Shell, which he joined in 1952. Ser-

vice abroad with many of the

multinational oil companies qualifies executives for earlier

He is an expert in explora-tion and production in the North Sea, and graduated in petroleum engineering from

of the corporation.

pension rights.

and taxed as such.

If the Government, which seems sympathetic to the idea, moves to change the rules, GEC has outline plans to hive off some of its major divisions as separate. quoted companies, although control would remain, at least at first, with GEC as a holding company.

Thus, Decca, if it were to be absorbed by GEC, could eventually re-emerge as part of a separately quoted Marconi/
Decca electronics concern. Yesterday's bid was GEC's second tilt at Decca, Racal having offer, a cash offer is probably topped its first offer with an not going to win at the end all-equity bid, which at last of the day, although the ability night's Racal share price of to offer cash as an alternative 214p—down 3p on the day—was worth £91.6m.

deputy managing director in 1975.

He became director of operations for Shell UK in

Aberdeen in November 1977 and deputy managing director

of exploration and production in April 1978.

He thus brings expertise at the highest level in North Sea

operations to the highly respected BNOC team. It is

sibility from Mr Ronald Utiger

the chairman, for the development work on the BNOC's

fields where it acts as operator.

after the retirement of Lord Kearton while the Conservative

Government decided on the future of the corporation and a

permanent successor was found.

will take some of the day-to-day burden from Mr Utiger who is still only working for BNOC part-time, and may pro-

vide a chief executive for the North Sea company which is

expected to be floated by the

The appointment of Mr Ford

temporary chairman of

Mr Utiger was appointed

understood he will take respon

Shell exploration chief

to join BNOC board

GEC's alternative, though, is more interesting and will test Racal and its advisers over the weekend. It is 585p nominal of 8½ per cent convertible unsecured ioan stock 1990-92 for each Decca ordinary and 480p of the same stock for each Decca "A". This puts a value on Decca of £97.3m, assuming the stock simply holds par in the stock simply holds par in the market which no one even Racal, doubts that it will.

More significantly, when com-

pared against similar stocks, there is a good case for suggest-ing GEC's stock could command a premium of as much as 10 per cent, in which case its offer worth well over £100m. Ironically, since GEC's huge cash resources were seen as the key to this bid when it first countered Racal's initial 565m

will be essential.

Mr Malcolm Ford: expertise in

which guarantee the nation's

access to North Sea crude, in

the state's hands. Part of the

new company is to be floated, but the exact details are still

a level for North Sea oil prices

after the rises announced last

weekend by North African

producers. Nigeria, whose prices

Britain has followed closely,

has raised the price of its oil

from \$30 to \$34 a barrel, North

Sea crude is priced at \$29.75. This price will rise from the

BNOC is again trying to fix

North Sea operations.

being worked out.

"A" non-voting shares in Decca. This cash offer is worth 1913m and thus matches Racal's equity offer.

GEC's alternative, though, is more interesting and will test Racal and its advisers over the Racal and its advisers over the It could either increase its terms in equity, underwritten to match GEC's cash offer, or it could itself arrange a con-

it could itself arrange a convertible offer.

If so, some Decca shareholders (especially those who
fear a monopolies reference)
will start selling in the market
and both GEC and Racal's
brokers will go into action.

The ability to give control to one or the other could well end up in the hands of a single large holder of the voting capital—the Prudential Assurance, Kuwait Investment Office or Mrs S. Dimenstein, a Swiss resident, the wife of a Decca director and the daughter of the late Mr M. Rosengarten, a former Decca director.

Mrs Dimenstein is beneficially interested in about 8 per cent of Decca's voting capi-

ral. Decca said yesterday it proposes selling to was worth £91.6m.

GEC's new terms are 550p in day demonstrated that while it est in two jointly-owned comcash for each Decca ordinary still has the capacity to go panies in the video disc share and 450p in cash for each

Investments: bid for US group likely

£100m Tube

earing conglomerate, is believed to be in the forefront of a secret £100m bid battle for &t American-based packaging

The bid target is Crane Packaging, a Chicago-based company with worldwide operations, whose family owners are understood to have been confring potential buyers for several months.

If such a move by TI went ahead, it would have immenso significance for the British group, which is capitalized at only £175m.

Ranged against TI in the battle for control are thought, to be at least 15 American corporations, including Exxon and Coca-Cola. Despite the strength of the opposition, however, if

of the opposition, however, it is thought that TI is favourite to succeed

A TI director refused to comment last night other than to say that the British group has held a controlling interest foraround 20 years in Cranc's United Kingdom offshoot based at Sloveh.

However, it is understood that TI executives in certain divi-sions have been warned of heavy cutbacks in investment as the group struggles to raise the cash for a huge deal. Wirk borrowings of more than £86m, representing 25 per cent of shareholders' funds at the lass balance sheet date, TI would be secretally nucled to firmers such severely pushed to finance such a deal entirely through borrow,

under pressure at home, mainly to announce full year results. which market analysts expect the previous pre-tax total of

Last year the group reported a profits fall from £38m to £30.4m at the interim stage and in October gave a warning that the engineering strike had. There were no senior execu-

a "secret retreat".

a setback for the other American banks being sued by Bank Markazi because they had been hoping the Chase move would ensure that all Iranian legal moves against them would come under the jurisdiction of United

The British group has been as a result of the engineering dispute. Next month it is due to be as much as £30m below

tives available at Crane's head-

Although Schroders is TI's merchant bank, representative reports from America suggest that the New York office of County Bank is also involved in secret negotiations. A spokes man there last night denied that County Bank was acting in any way for Tube Investments box whether it had any involvement in talks concerning Crane.

However, County Bank is known to be involved in a dealconcerning a British group worth more than \$200m (£87m.

Birmingham University and Served in Columbia and Venetary of State for Energy, has said but it has invited producer companies in the British arm of Shell in 1971. The was seconded to the Iranian services company of which he services company of which he services company of which he services retaining the trading activities, and the secretary of State for Energy, has said but it has invited producer companies in the North Sea to suggest what the new price should be before retaining the trading activities, making a decision. going cut of action industrial-ists are expected to start suffer-ing serious shortages of com-ponents within the next few industry to its knees. Expenditure surveys criticized

By Caroline Atkinson
The Government's spending public spending decisions where possible but is neverthewhere possible but is neverthe-less concerned about overall totals. However, the Treasury is not expected to predict in great detail what will happen to individual components of spending programmes in the later years covered by the White Paper.

The amphasis in the latest

The emphasis in the latest public spending round has shifted from "bottom up" planning, where spending totals are built up from the individual elements in the programmes to

penditure survey committee The survey committees (PESC) system of medium-term system of controlling public spending has contributed to a spending has contributed to a White Paper, to be published planning has operated in the next month, will probably contain less detail than has been ference, held by the Royal Ingiven in the past. The Government believes in decentralizing tion, said it led to consistent the containing the state of Public Administration, said it led to consistent the containing the overspending, before the intro-duction of cash limits in the mid-1970s.

There was also criticism of the workings of cash limits and the tendency of politicians to use them as a "back-door way" measure of the relative of curring the volume of spend-

However the present Government has been too busy cutting spending since it took office to pay much attention yet to ways of changing the system.

Wages like like that in the economy as a whole rise more than other costs, public spending tends to rise as a propor-

loss of control, it was generally agreed, because the medium-term plans which resulted from tion, said it led to consistent it were based on over-ambitious growth targets and took too little account of the tendency of the cost of public spending to rise relative to costs in the

The relative price effect is a measure of the relative movement of costs in the public and private sectors. If public sector wages rise more than in the

UK blamed for delay over monetary fund

tary of State for Energy, has told Parliament that he intends to create a new North

From Peter Norman Brussels, Feb 8

Government.

Britain's failure to particifor the decision by France and West Germany not to press for the planted European Mone-tary Fund to be set up by the target date of March 1981. Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor and President Valery Giscard d'Estaing of France agreed earlier this week in Paris that the second phase of the EMS, which was due to start with the

last year.

Britain's position as a halfmember of the EMS is seen as
incompatible with the Community moving into its second
stage of development. But it is
also admitted that there are
other reasons fo rFrance and
Germany to delay action until
next year. last year.

next year. Both Herr Schmidt and the French President know that the EMS is unpopular in their own countries, and their decision means that it should now be less of an issue ahead of the German general election this autumn, and the elections in France in the spring of 1981.

central banks has produced more questions than answers, pate in the exchange rate because setting up the fund mechanism of the European necessarily involves delicate Monetary System, was today issues of national sovereignty advanced as one of the reasons and institutional competence over monetary affairs.
On a practical level, any political agreement in the EEC on

the second stage is bound to be followed by delays in getting legislation through national parliaments, so the target of March, 1981, was probably unrealistic anyway. The news that France and Germany have decided to ease

the pressure was received badly in the European Commission, which was apparently distressed that the future of the EMS is again being dictated by major EEC powers at a bilateral level. Although Mr Roy Jenkins, the Commission President, met Herr Schmidt shortly before the Franco-German consultations in Paris this week, he appears to

have been given no indication as to German thinking on the negotiations towards the second phase of the EMS. It was stressed in Brussels

stage would continue at the level of the European Monetary Committee, and in other expert groups. But without the explicit backing of the French and German governments, a major impulse for the further develop-Furthermore, the work carment has undoubtedly been lost ried out so far by the EEC for the time being.

ning, where spending totals are built up from the individual elements in the programmes, to "top down" planning. At a conference held yesterday to discuss public spending control there was much criticism of the way the public extraosfer powments. tion of gross domestic product. The present Government has become worried about the effect of the relative price setting-up of the fund, need not now go ahead on schedule, deseffect on spending in the period to 1983-84 which will be covered by the White Paper. pite a commitment to this effect at the EEC summit in Dublin at the end of November cism of the way the public ex- transfer payments. Revision of steel trigger prices urged

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

Europe's steel producers are expected to urge the United expected to urge the Officer
States to revise its trigger price
mechanism for controlling imports in talks later this month.
Mr Reuben Askew, a United
States trade envoy, is due in
Brussels later this month for
talks with the EEC Commission
against the background of

against the background of

US Steel claims that 8 million tonnes of steel is being dumped in America and the company has prepared eight suits seven of which were being filed this

Yesterday Eurofer, the West linked to those prices. European Steel Producers Asso-ciation, claimed that it did not believe the American companies would be able to prove the dumping charges. Eurofer would like to see the

present American trigger price system revised rather than a quota system being introduced

to cover steel imports. The trigger mechanism is calculated on the basis of Japanese pro-duction costs—the world's most efficient steel producer—and imports from other sources are

But the Europeans believe that the trigger price is now set at a level which can be underpriced by American steelmakers. Eurofer claims that the way the system is being oper-ated violates the original inten-

Further cash grants not automatic Sir Keith Joseph says

Quango to aid cooperatives gets a reprieve

The Co-operative Development Agency (CDA), the oncyear-old advisory body for all types of cooperatives, has been cleared for a further two years' work after coming under scrutiny in the Government's review of "quangos".

Sir Keith Joseph. Secretary

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, has however warned the CDA it will not automatically get further cash once the £900,000 already voted by Parliament is finished.

Under the CDA Act of 1978, passed under the Labour Government, with tacit Conservative support, another £600,000 could be made available to the CDA provided there is Found of Commons approval. is House of Commons approval. Sir Keith has told Lord Oram, the CDA part-time chairman, and Mr Dennis Lawrence, the CDA director, that this extra "should not be taken THOMEY for granted".

felt the agency could not be expected to be self-supporting within the first two or three years, but it now looks as if break even point could be further away than that.

One suggestion is that, given the present cash aid is running at £300,000 a year, by the end of next year earnings may be below a third of that figure. But the CDA spent less than £300,000 last year.
There could be two encouraging factors. Sir Keith made it clear that he regarded in-

dustrial cooperatives as a desir-

able expression of private enterprise, although he added

He wished the CDA well in its work and said it was up to the agency to show it was doing a worthwhile job that could not satisfactorily be done

dom and there are probably about 200 in all, ranging from groups of more than 200 people to others of as many as 25 people, according to Mr This is without taking into

the proviso that they should not be subsidized out of public funds.

account the Co-operative retail movement which includes about 200 societies and the Co-operative retail movement which includes about 200 societies and the co-operative public. tive Wholesale Society which supplies them with goods and services.

The CDA is working on a contract, worth £5,000, from the London Borough of Lewisham for a study of the potential

This is what the CDA believes it will be able to show, now that its work is gaining momentum. In the past year its team of 20, including four specialists, has dealt with more than 100 business problems thrown up by cooperatives.

The CDA already because the London Borough of Lewisham for a study of the potential for setting up cooperatives

The other encouraging feature for the CDA is the amount of backing provided by the Cooperative retail movement. Whether the CDA would have to explore the possibility The CDA already knows of the movement, which includes the Co-operative Bank, remains operatives in the United Kingto be seen. But Sir Keith's word to the CDA was that it was expected to become self-supporting by charging for its services, or by gaining support by the co-operative movement

Derek Harris

way for Iran bank action By Ronald Pullen Banking Correspondent

early December, to prevent Bank Markazi from suing it in courts outside the United States for the return of funds deposited with Chase.

York was in effect, Bank Markazi could have been held in

The decision also represents

branch for the return of \$50m (£21.7m)

Court clears

Bank Markazi, the Iranian central bank, appears to have won another legal skirmish in its battle to free deposits frozen in the United States banking ystem after President Carter's blocking order last November. A New York court has lifted the restraining order, taken out Chase Manhatten Bank in

The decision clears the way for Bank Markazi to press ahead with its claim in the British courts for the return of \$320.9m (£139.5m) held on deposit in Chase's London branch. The removal of the restraining order will also make it easier for the Iranian central bank to proceed with its writs for the repayment of more than \$3,000m (£1,304m) from the London branches of five other leading United States banks.
While the order in the southern district court of New

contempt if it had gone ahead with its claim in London.

States law.

Banking authorities in the United Kingdom and Switzerland have consistently said that United States foreign branches are ultimately subject to dom-estic banking laws. More estic banking laws. More recently Bank Markazi has met with some success in the French courts in pursuing its claim against Citibank's Paris

that the engineering strike hadcost £20m. The group has, however, been raising cash from disposals, most significantly £9m last December through the sale of its half-share in a joint venture with the General. Electric Company of America. quarters in Chicago yesterday. An employee said that they were all holding discussions at The family owners of the American group are thought to be keen on selling out and to have invited secret tenders from interested parties. Mr Harry Tankus, the group's chairman, is understood to be handling negotiations.

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Choosing the right time to switch

investment market to another relatively easily.

The majority of insurance companies operate a range of funds to which bonds can be linked. These usually include those invested in property, equities, gilts, deposit invest-ments where the capital value is guaranteed not to fall, or a mixture under the banner of a managed bond.

But investors do not make use of these switching opportunities. Insurance companies report that a very small num-

ber of bondholders—usually
less than 5 per cent—actully
move their funds.
These are "hard core"
investors who switch their
bonds regularly on the advice of insurance brokers who specia-lize in this particular field.

Usually, however, the bond-holder gets little advice about when and where to switch In-surance companies shy away from recommending such moves on the basis that this could cause them liquidity problems. They also say that as each bondr's circumstances are different any general switching advice would not be of great

giving their general views on investment markets for insurance brokers. Unfortunately,

Private investors tend to leave these do not always reach risen 30-40 per cent in the last their money, once invested, to investors who have bought two years, to the gilt funds their money, once invested, to investors who have bought ferment until such times as they bonds directly from the comneed it. But single premium pany rather than through an in-bonds offer investors opportun-ities to switch their money from who could find them useful indicators if switching is contemplated.

The advantage of switching bonds from one internal fund switching a portfolio from, say, gilts to equities, are two-fold. First, the cost is much lower. Life offices dispense with their initial charges on these occas-ions, and make a charge which varies between 0.25 per cent and 1 per cent of the money switched. Secondly, the tax

position remains unaltered. One point to bear in mind is that some offices allow one to switch part of an investment while others insist that all or none moves. So take out a series of bonds rather than one large one to avoid this prob-lem. The minimum most offices permit you to switch is a sum equal to the minimum investment, usually £500 or £1,000.

Although insurance companies do not want to encourage frequent switching for its own

sake some consider that investors do not make the most of these facilities. Performance tables show there is a good case for switching at certain times to consolidate capital gains in a marker which has spent its But they do issue bulletins growth for the time being.

which are expected to do better this year. But beware of getting the timing wrong. You could end up worse off at the end of the day than if you held on to

one particular bond.

A managed fund investing in properties, equities and fixed interest may be the answer for those who do not want to make these investment decisions. But they have not turned out to be the promised investment vehicles they were originally hailed to be in the early

Investment managers have found that they cannot switch the portfolio from one invest-ment sector to another at the drop of a hat. Changing the mix is a gradual process that can take months and is usually achieved by directing new money into the chosen sector rather than actively switching existing investments.

existing investments.

Switching is all very well but first and foremost you need to start off on the right foot. Just how well any particular bond does depends on the life office managing the underlying portfolio. Unfortunately, you cannot pick and choose between life offices once your money is not pick and thouse between life offices once your money is invested without incurring ini-tial charges on the funds, usually 5 per cent or affecting your tax position if you pay at

Sylvia Morris

Insurance



Bonham's director Mr Leslie Gillham inspecting items in a private collection for valuation.

Valuing your possessions...

Even without a windfall bequest insurance and probate. Unlike from the junk in the attic to most people over the years some of its rivals it charges a the gardening gear in the shed, build up a modest collection of, perhaps, nice furniture, a little jewelry, a print or painting or two, some silver and countless items of bric-a-brac which may or may not be worth something. But how many people really know the value of these particular contents of

Every once in a while it is useful to have the more important possessions properly valued and this is certainly the case after periods of extreme inflation like the late seventies, when the value of antiques, fine arts and other collectables were pulled up dramatically, as investors fled from cash and

conventional investments. I went to a Knightsbridge auctioneers to find out about their valuation service, launched

different fee depending upon what the valuation is for: this reflects the fact that probate valuation, effectively the price of a forced sale, is always lower than the insurance value, based on replacement cost-which, of course, includes the retailer's mark-up.

Mr Leslie Gillham, the director in charge of valuations, used to be able to spend more time in the field than he can now. Normally, within three weeks of an initial inquiry (a week if it is a probate case' one of his four valuers will be round to spend a day estimating the value of a house's contents.

If the owner indicates that he has a special collection, then one of the specialists from the saleroom will accompany the valuer.

some four years ago.

Bonhams does some 700 Although Bonhams will value valuations a year both for the entire contents of a house

most people ask for a selective valuation. Mr Gillham reckons that his fee might be an expensive alternative to rule of thumb judgment about the replacement value of a double bed. If, as result of the valuation, you should decide to sell any of the items valued through Bonhams within the next twelve months, then 50 per cent of the fee is refunded.

Bonlams charge 11 per cent on the first £10,000 (2 per cent up to £5,000 for probate purposes), 1 per cent on the next £40,000 (£20,000 probate) and per cent on the rest. Chris-tie's and Sotheby's charge the same at the bottom end of the scale, but the next bracket at 1 per cent rises to £100,000 before the lower fees become operative.

Margaret Stone

...and your house

The Insurers' keen interest in making sure that householders are fully insured is not altruistic. After all, a house is seldom completely burnt out and there limits to the amount most thieves can take away with them.

The truth is that the higher

the insured value, the greater is the premium which has to be paid. And insurers want high insured values chiefly because this increases their premium

Building societies, because of the volume of business which they provide, have some bargaining power with insurance companies. As a result, they have been able to fend off most suggestions from companies to introduce penalties for underinsurance where they (the societies) make the insurance arrangements.

Anyway building societies have been active in increasing the insured values of the houses of their borrowers which has, of course, increased their own commission income

substantially.

However, insurers are growing increasingly tough with individual house owners. It is and will quote a premium, with virtually standard practice for the insured value of a house to be linked to the Building Housing Cost Index. The value then increases each month in line with the increase in the

In the event of the total loss of a house, it is quite common for the index-linking to con- you like. for the index-linking is continue during the period of These are simple and rebuilding—to take account of straightforward arrangements which other insurers, please, No extra premium is charged should copy.

for these mouthly increases, but each year's premium at renewal is calculated on the index-linked figure applicable at that time. If a householder refuses to have

The effect is to scale down any claim (however small it may be) in the same proportion as the under-insurance. Most of us have a fairly shrewd, if optimistic, idea of the market value of our houses. But the cost of rebuilding will not come readily to mind.

The alternative is either to spend a lot of money on a professional valuation or to measure the total floor area of the house and battle with a for-old basis should be insured chart and explanatory informa-tion—from which an approximate rebuilding cost can be calculated, depending on the type and size of the house, its location and the date when it was built-all this for the convenicace of the insurers.

The Northern Star, on the other hand, simply needs to know the floor area of the house no risk of under-insurance. With the scheme run by the Trustee Savings Banks, which underwritten by the Provincial, you are quoted a mini-mum sum insured and premium. Claims will be paid up to that minimum figure or you can insure for a higher amount if

Much the same principle applies to the contents of a house, except that in assessing the value there is no chart to give guidance. It means a hard the value index-linked, or insures for a figure which clearly, is too low, a penalty is likely to be imposed when a claim is made.

give guitance. It means that whole story going round the whole house, room by room—not forgetting food, clothes, sheets and blankets—because most people who make a guess pitch it much

too low. When calculating the value of your possessions, you need to know the basis on which claims will be settled. Is it "full replacement", otherwise known as "new for old"? If so, does that apply to everything (apart from the usual exclusion of clothes and household linen)? Or is it only items up to five

years old? All items covered on a newfor the full cost of replacing them brand new in the shops. Anything covered on an basis should be demnity insured for the cost of replacement, less a fair deduction for "wear and tear", based on the use which they have had. Antiques should be insured simply on the basis of their estimated

replacement cost. It is not an easy operation. Once you have a figure, in-surers will link it to a suitable

Remember, however, that most of us add to our possessions and do not get rid of them at the same pace. From time to time, therefore, the sum insured probably will need to be increased, quite apart from the increases resulting from

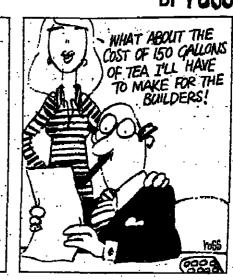
the index-linking. John Drummond

HOFF of HEYBRIDGE HEATH









Grouse

Index-linked savings are rightly popular and the Government has acknowledged the importance to the elderly of the Index-Linked Retirement Issue of National

Savings Certificates.
Initially, the maximum holding was £500, it was then increased to £700, and last November the maximum holding was enlarged further to £1,200

But not everyone is aged 60 or 65-and the differential age qualification for men and women is itself another grouse. The Government let the younger ages into the

act by issuing a new index-linked Save-As-You-Earn contract. The maximum invest-ment was fixed at £20 a month—and there it has stuck since 1975.

The terms of existing contracts cannot be rewritten but the Government has two options open to it which would redress the balance. It could permit investors to hold index-linked SAYE contracts to the value of, for example, £40 a month; or what amounts to the same thing in the long run, issue a second series of index-linked SAYE where the maximum holding is higher.

Taxing joint bank accounts

Bank deposit accounts raised their interest to 15 per cent recently. Could you tell me whether for the purposes of declaring that income to the income tax authorities in the case of two people sharing a joint account the total capital in the account the total capital in the account is deemed to be divided by two in equal parts? Also, when one of the partners dies does his share of the joint account pass automatically to the other one without CTT? I have a joint deposit account with a partners and would my daughter and would like her to become the owner of the total sum on my death Would she have to pay CTT and, if so, on what proportion of the total joint capital in the account? (JD, Worcester

The income from your joint account is deemed to belong equally to you and your daughter, assuming there is no evidence that some other rate of sharing should apply, and you are each liable to income tax at your personal rates on one-half of the income.

first to die will automatically up to a total amount of £2,000, pass to the other. That half plus £100 to each of any share will, however, have to be included as part of the deceased's estate which, if the claimed there is £2,100 availvalue is sufficiently high, will able for a start. attract capital transfer tax. The Also, a ta attract capital transfer tax. The Also, a tax-free sum of present level of exemption is £2,000 for the previous year £25,000, but this is expected to 1978/79 can be carried forward be raised in the next budget.

Recently I was given £5,000 by a relative who had inherited the estate of her widowed mother. No mention of me was made in the will of the widow but my relative says she thought the gift would be in accord with her mother's wishes. Many years ago my wife and I had been of service to their family. Is this gift tax-able please? If so, do I pay the tax or should the doner do The only rax which has to be lity and living in England with gage.

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tax. If there is a liability it return. Also, the fact of the will fall on the person who inherited property should be made the gift—your relative in stated in the "chargeable this case—although the recipassets acquired" section of the ient can, if he or she wishes, take over the payment. How-ever, it is very likely here that ceeds remitted to this country, one-half of the income.

Assuming you are tenants in common, as is the normal case, the half share belonging to the relative can make tax-free gifts

> for one year only. If, there-fore, your relative made no gifts in 1978/79, the £2,100 creased to £4,100. As the gift of £5,000 exceeds this figure, the excess, that is £900, is called a "chargeable trausfer". However, chargeable transfers up to the first £25,000 are taxable at a nil rate, hence it is possible that in your case no tax liability will arise.

My wife is of French nationa- some help in obtaining a mort-

me. Recently she has inherited some property in France upon the death of her father. This property gives rise to some in-come in France. We have been asked to fill up income tax forms for Prench tax authorities, giving also our gross in-come in England. Could you please tell us what we required to do under English income tax laws and if we have to declare this prop-erty in Eugland? (AR, Chatham.)

As your wife is resident in the United Kingdom but domi-John Drummond, Vera
Di Palma, Ronald Irv
to United Kingdom the liable to United Kingdom tax on the income arising in France in so ing and Eric Brunet far as it is remitted to this country. Such income as is remitted should therefore considered is capital transfer appear in the annual tax form, because if it should be sold in due course and the prothe gain will be liable to capital gains tax.

After taking out a 25-year "with profits" endowment policy three years ago, at the age of 18, it would not seem that this is an expensive way of paying for a mortgage. I work as a civil servant. Would it be a better way of saving to cash it in a building society account? (RL, Guildford). Are we right in thinking that you have not yet obtained

life policy is unlikely to be much help at this stage. It will not, for instance, help you to obtain a mortgage in the future and probably you will have to cash it in (probably getting a poor return) to meet the deposit on the house. Although, therefore, you will lose, it could be best to cash in now and to invest with a build-ing society, which will be of

Investor's week

Market ahead despite gloom

As a believer in fate pulling the rug just when we are not looking, what are we to make of markets this week? The worse the news, the better according to plan, then it still pays to so into shares in case

investors like it.

It was a bad week for business. Steelmen stayed on strike.

BL (British Leyland) drew that some shares are cheapnearer to the point of break down An FT surger indicating other for alling bus seaknicelly.

It was a bad week for jobs.

and London. It was a bad week for government. Commentators line up to sorrow over the Government's failure to cut public spending and the parallel failure to squeeze inflation by curbing credit. This at least is what booming bank lending

figures are saying. -Now if this Government falls down on the job we can ask, if not answer, the ques-tion: what future for The Stock Exchange? Meanwhile, we can wonder at investors hoisting the FT index from 447.8 to 461.4 vesterday just before the Chancellor will in all proba-bility disappoint us on March

For many fund managers there is nothing to wonder at. The rise in the FT index of about 60 points since the year began simply convinces them that it is risky to keep funds in cash when there is a share party to join.

nearer to the point of breakdown. An FT survey indicating
that business confidence is at
its lowest since 1975-76 was
ouickly followed by a Confederation of British Industry
inquiry about dwindling manufacturing—activity, orders and
investment.

Racal and GEC outfid each
other for alling but technically
valuable Decca; despite an
indifferent record, Armitage
Shanks is wooed by Blue Circle
Industries; A raft of shares,
Muirhead, Ferranti, Lasmo,
Bernard Mattheus, Avana and
investment.

sea of rumour.
The snag is that some com-Courtailds shed 230 in Northern Ireland; Dunlop declared 600 redundant in Birmingham; and Tootal laid off 800 in Northamptonshire

The snag is that some companies want others for reasons which have little to do with capital gain. They want, for example, to gain market share, reduce competition get closer capital gain. They want, for example, to gain market share, reduce competition, get closer to government, or just frow fat. I suspect that either the Budget will be much more disagreeable than people suspect or that it will not be tough enough. Either way, I suggest that we stick to the counsel: "Buy in May and 20 away".

"Buy in May and go away".
This, you will notice, is the opposite of what is usually preached. That is because I think that we are indeed near the end of a sustained down-swing, but that there is still one more break to come.

It is clear now that the Chan-cellor, Sir Geoffrey Howe, did not get his strategy right in his first Budget; and he is hemmed in as he comes up to his second. Once the palry details of changes to help investors are out, then people who have been waiting for them to sell stock advantageously will act without further ado.

Peter Wainwright.

Exploration

MAIN CHANGES OF THE WEEK

high	iow	Company	Change .	Comment
]-			Rises	
192p	69 <u>‡</u> p	Cawoods	37p to 192p	Lasmo oil stake
573p	235p	Decca	163p to 573p	Racal, GEC bids
767p	320p	Guthrie	44p to 767p	Hope of Sime bid
415 p	314p	ICI .		Merket trend:
				Ninian oil
71}p	. 28p	KCA	12½p to 71½p	Spin off of Berkele

Falls 142½p Adwest 104p House of Fraser 14p to 180p Racal sale 7p to 132p Bid talk fades 2207 Metal Box 6p to 248p 3145 Midland 11p to 365p 64p Mining Supplies 5p to 82p Int pft down

Steel succiv fears 455p 114p Div and pft due soon

Pre-Budget taxation

Are you a candidate for this election

HOW WIFE'S EARNINGS ELECTION WORKS

In 1979-80, Mr Smith will earn £15,000 after deducting his allowable charges on income such as pension contributions, mortgage interest, etc. Mrs Smith earns \$5,000 in the same year and has investment income of £2,000.

Before the election		•
j	Mr Smith	Mrs Smith
Earnings	£ 15.000	£ 5,000
Investment Income	_	2,000
	15,000	7,000
		7,000
Add : Wile's Income	7.000	
	22,000	
Allowances		
Higher Personal Allowance £1.815 Wife's Earnings Allowance £1,165	2.980	
	2,880	
Taxable Amount	£19.020	
Innama Tau Bauahta		
Income Tax Payable £1.500 @ 25%	375	
£8,500 @ 30%	2.550	
€2,000 @ 40%	800	
£3,000 @ 45% £4,020 @ 50%	1,350	
27,020 9 30 /0	2,010	
	£7.085	
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After the election	M. SW	
	Mr Smith S	Mrs Smith E
Earnings	15.000	5.000
Investment Income (taxed on husband)	2.000	_
	17,000	5,000

14,D20 @ 30%	£7.085	
After the election	lf. c_ul	
	Mr Smith 2	Mrs Smith
Earnings Investment income (taxed on husband)	15.000 2.000	5. <u>00</u> 0
	17,000	5,000
Allowances		
Single Personal Allowance	1,165	1,165
Taxable Amount	15,835	3.835
income Tax Payable		
E 750 @ 25%	187.50	187.50
C9.250 @ 30%	2,775.00	
23,085 @ 30%		925.50
22,000 @ 40% 23,000 @ 45%	800.00 1 350.00	_
£3,000	1,350.00 417.50	= .
	25,530.00	£1,113.00

The total tax payable after the election amounts to £6,643, which is a saving overall of £442.

Most people put off dealing income subject to basic rate with their tax until the very tax, after allowing for personal last moment, but you should allowances and income subject try to avoid the temptation to shut that desk drawer full of jumbled payslips, dividend statements, broker's valuations and building society passbooks.

A little exists before the lower band rate, would be increased from a potential £8,500 to a maximum of £18,500. Each person pays the basic rate and building society passbooks.

could save some unecessary tax payments—by April 6 it will be too late. A feature of the tax system which ought to be familiar to every married couple where both partners work is the wife's "earnings election". The in-come of a husband and wife is normally taxed together, but they can choose to have the wife's earnings assessed separ-ately and this can be profitable if each person's income is high enough.

Do not confuse the wife's earnings election with the "separate assessment" provisions where a husband and wife each pay their own tax bill, but the overall level of tax paid is not changed. In contrast, the wife's earnings election affects the amount of personal rax reliefs and the levels at which the higher rate tax bands are charged.

Normally, the husband receives the higher married personal allowance (£1,815 in 1979-80) and, if his wife has earnings in her own right, she has an allowance for earned income at the same level as the single person's allowance (£1.165 in 1979-80).

The first £750 earned by each person in 1979-80 is then taxes at the lower rate band of 25 pe cent. The next £8,500 of their joint income is then taxed together at the basic rate, a present 30 per cent.

However, by making the wife's earnings election, the earned income of both husband and wife is taxed as if each were a single person. The higher personal married allow ance of £1,815 is withdrawn and the busband is entitled only to the single persona allowance of £1,165; the wife continues to have a persona allowance of £1,165, but in the form of single personal allowance rather than the wife's carnings relief.

As a result, the amount of

A little action before April 5 of taxable earned income and ould save some unecessary tax each is then taxed at the appropriate rate for each slice of income. Investment income,

> ces of making a wife's earnings election which can be easily overlooked. Any deductions which are normally first set against one spouse's earnings cannot then be set against the other spouse's earnings. If you are considering making an election retrospectively for 1978-79 do not forget that you will lose life assurance relief on

policies which were taken out by the wife on the husband's life or vice-versa. The decision whether or not to elect for the wife's earnings to be taxed separately depends on the level of each person's earnings, as well as other carcumstances. In principle how-ever, it is worthwhile if the reduction in tax rates compensates for the lower levels of personal allowances.

Single Personal and Wife's Earned Income

Each calculation has to be made individually, but, as a rule of thumb (and assuming that you have only the normal personal allowances), an elec-tion may be worthwhile for 1979-80 where joint incomes amount to over £14,930 and each person's income amounts to at least £3,765. The equivalent figures for last year (1978-79) are a total income of £12,676, of which the wife's income should however, is still taxed jointly. There are certain consequenbe at least £3,691.

> be made after the end of a tax year but you should make it no later than 12 months after the later than 12 months after the end of the year of assessment in question. For instance, you should make an election (or revoke an existing election) for the year 1978-79 before April 6. This year three an election has this year. Once an election has been made it will commue in force until it has been revoked. Both husband and wife must jointly make an election and there is a special Inland Revenue form for this purpose.

A wife's earnings election can

Danby Bloch Raymond Godfrey

INCOME TAX RELIEFS AND RATES 1978-79, 1979-80

Married Personal Allowance			1,165 1,815		
Taxable income	1978-79 Rate %	Cumulative Tax £	Taxable Income £	1979-80 Rate %	Cumulative Tax £
750 8,000 9,000 10,000 11,000 12,500 14,000 16,000 18,500 24,000 Excess	25 33 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 83	187.50 2.580 2.980 3.430 3.930 4.755 5.655 6.955 8.705	750 10,000 12,006 15,000 20,000 25,000 Excess	25 30 40 45 50 55 60	187.50 2,952.50 3,762.50 5,112.50 7,612.50 10,352.50

Use these tables to calculate whether to elect for wife's earnings to be taxed separately or not for 1978-79 and 1979-80.

Consumer protection

The party's over-are you satisfied with the goods?

perware selling party or one of its subsequent many variations, run by that friendly neighbour run by that triendly neighbour down the road. (If you haven't you almost certainly soon will given the growth of this particular marketing method that now turns over £200m a year).

But if later you have, a com-plaint against the goods, do you corner that pleasant neighbour and upset relations between you? Do you feel after a party selling session that the social pressures there may have per-suaded you into buying some-thing you didn't want?

These and other problems

These and other problems associated with party selling and other types of direct selling. a sector which accounts for more than 50 million purchases a year worth £300m according to the returns from members of to the returns from members of the Direct Sales and Service Association (DSSA) — have caught the watchful eye of Mr Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading.

The upshot this week was a revised code of practice agreed with the DSSA which believes it accounts for 85 per cent of the direct selling industry.

An Office of Fair Trading (OFT) study has established that the DSSA's existing code had already achieved much success, measured by the small number of complaints. This first code was launched when the DSSA was set up in 1965 after the initial growth of party selling imported from the United States in 1960 by the Tupperware company. The company makes pre-cision plastic kitchenware and toys and is now a DSSA member and manufactures in Britain.

The new code widens the protection for customers. The 29 members of the DSSA, whose products range from cookware and cosmerics to encyclopaedias and clothing, will now abide by procedures which should take any embarrassment out of problems that arise after a selling party.

Invitation cards to parties will make the sales purpose of the party clear. Party hostesses will be told of their rights and responsibilities and be fully insured by the company involved. Orders placed at a party

ty or one of period, allowing for cancellation, of at least 14 days, akthough the DSSA says some although the DSSA says some of its members already give a longer period of grace. Deposits are refundable on cancellation. When ordering customers must be given written details of where to send queries or complaints. That avoids having to complain to the hostess.

The DSSA continues its previous obligation to provide prompt conciliation in disputes unsettled between customer and

unsettled between customer and company. Copies of the new code of practice should be available at any sales party.

available at any sales party.

The code also covers other direct selling that takes place in the home such as of cosmetics and toiletries through local representatives of companies like Avon Cosmetics. But the DSSA is not concerned with the mail order industry, which has mail order industry, which has its own code of practice already, and the growing flood of home improvement items.

DSSA members have to satisfy the association about training standards of sales per-

sonnel, must not mislead in advertised or promotional claims, and guarantee quality

of merchandise without infringing customers' common law or

only with DSSA members where possible or look for any other possible of look for any other organization that measures up to the DSSA criteria. In the North-west of England two trad-ing standards centres are investigating complaints of switch-selling, with one series of cases concerning jewelry which when delivered did not appear to match up to the quality of items on show at selling parties.

Especially beware of pressure

of the sent.

Self in the sent Although there is a draft EEC directive under discussion which would drastically toughen the rules on all doorstep sell-ing, legislation is still some way off.

salesmen on the door-step who sell "bargain" items usually

The assault on householders by the home improvement com-panies, from double glazing and replacement windows to cavity wall insulation and sprayed-on treatments for outer walls, is being looked at by Mr Borrie. New codes of conduct are already under discussion in two

Derek Harris



Round-up

Credit cards . New funds

the credit card companies—that is unless you have not already done so following the increase

The Prime Minister has warned that next month's Budget could well include new carbs on credit cards and bire purchase Both Barclaycard and Access are worried that any new restrictions would include

fougher repayment rules.
The credit card companies fear that the Government may revert to the rules that were abolished in Denis Healey's 1978 budget. The rules required minimum repayment terms of £15 or 15 per cent—instead of the present £5 or 5 per cent which caused a snarp curback in credit card use. This could mean £20 a month more on the average credit—now nearly £200 -outstanding.

 Stockbrokers Sheppards and Chase, in conjunction with insurance brokers Sedgwick Forbes Bland Payne, is launching a unit linked annual pre-

Now is the time to start cutting mium policy, underwritten by back your debt balances with Crown Life. After 10 years investment, the policyholders can take a tax free cash sum or in-come from the plan. International Technology trust due to see the light of day in a

> is that you can increase or uscrease the annual premium—minimum £1,000—within the range of 125 per cent and 62.5 per cent from year to year provided the overall total at the only of the term is 10 times the an annual levy of 0.5 per cent. The managers retain the right to increase the annual rate to 0.75 per cent for both existing 0.75 per cent with an annual levy of 0.5 per cent with an annual levy of 0.5 per cent with an annual levy of 0.5 per cent. initial premium, a device giving some flexibility in periods of stock market volatility.

Premiums will be linked to the new Regency Fund, managed by Sheppards and Chase, which invests in gilts and equi-

Lloyds Bank at present managing 1100m of unit grusts, is launching its first fund for four years. The Smaller Companies and Recovery Unit Trust will put 60 per cent of its portfolio in smaller companies with minimum market capitalization of £1m and the balance in high yielding shares with good re-covery potential.

Minimum investment is £250

5 per cent.

Hot on its heels comes the in card interest rates to a maximum of nearly 31 per cent at is that you can increase or detrusts are planned for the and new unitholders after three

an dthe estimated gross yield is

months' notice. The life assurance industry had a buoyant 1979: figures last week show new annual premium business of £695m; up 31 per cent, with unit-linked business accounting for £137m of the total compared with £87m in 1978. Single preaging £100m of unit trusts, is mium business showed a 20 per cent increase to £665m with sales of short-term guaranteed income bonds pushing up these

sales by some E80m. Antony Gibbs has reorganized and renamed one of the trusts it took over from the old Picca-dilly Group. The Capital Trust now goes under the name of UK Market Leaders trust

Unit trust performance

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M & G/Recovery 127.4
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M& G/Comp Gwth 118.2
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M & G/Far Eastern 133.7 203.0

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London Wall/Internat 91.2
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Nat West/Unvrsi Fnd 87.1
S&P/Enropean Grwth 85.3
Govett/Stockholders 84.0
GT Japan & General 80.7
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The tables show the value on February 1, 1980 of £100 invested 1 no tables show the balae on February 1, 1500 of 2100 invested 12 months ago (A) and three years ago (B), income reinvested and based on offer-to-offer price.

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Stock markets

Equities firm despite day of uncertainty

day as news items continued to sway market sentiment.

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Equities ended off the top after some precautionary marking down as a result of the steel talks, and gilts were mostly easier where changed.

Oils were the main feature of the day when offer a fairly firm

the day when after a fairly firm start they burst into life upon rumours that Saudi Arabia was planning to cut back on produc-tion because of the threat of supply outrunning demand. Equities had begun the day

on a confident note in the hope of a final settlement in the steel wages dispute, while eagerly awaiting GEC's latest salvo in the fight to gain control of But by lunchtime the mood

had changed on rumours that the steel talks had broken down. This was later confirmed and in no time prices were being marked lower in both equities and gilts,

By now the threat of an all-

out strike at BL was now look-ing very real and began to affect sentiment so that the market spent most of the aftermarker spent most of the arter noon continuing to drift.

The breakdown at the talks also rook its toll of gilts. After a firm start that saw gains of up to fi, prices began to drift shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pre-tax and caraings are net. a = Pre-tax revenue.

Longs appeared to take the brunt of the falls, with losses of between 12 and 12 being registered at the close. But in shorts rises of a 12 were wiped out by profit taking and some

Operators are already wondering about Racal's next move if the group is thwarted by GEC over proup is timbried by GLC over Decca. Many think that Racal will not go for the obvious targets, Ferranti or Plessey but for something smaller such as Bowshorpe Holdings. In a week the shares have put on 12p to

selling to leave most unchanged on the day. The tone after hours slowly became firmer on the back of oils which had witnessed some heavy buying. One dealer de-scribed the trading as scribed the trading as "chaotic" with business being conducted late into the evening.

Govett Euron Trst (I) —(—) Greenbank Tst (F) —(—) Hirst & Mallinsn (F) 18.6(15.6) Watsham's (I) 1.87(1.25)

when after being 3.0 up at midday it went on to fall by 3.6 at 3 pm, before closing only 1.5 off at 461.4. A rise on the

account of 9 points or 2 per

Leading industrials were off the top after bouns of selling, but jobbers described the position as being firm. Unilever was 4p lower ar 456p, while falls of between 1p and 2p were noted in ICI at 385p, Fisons ar 284p, Pilkington Bros at 236p and BAT's at 260p. Only Beecham, 1p higher at 128p, managed to resist the

Oils were the dominant fea-ture, helped after hours by some heavy overseas buying which valued the group at 198m comresulted in some sizable rises.
Among the majors BP climbed in the week of 192m. Shares of 10p in the old at 394p, and 10p in the new, at 398p, while Shell leapt 16p to 374p, closely fol-

Latest results

is suspended

Last night Mr Cashmore said

he had no intention of bidding for the whole company, and he

had no idea why the shares

should have been suspended. But he reaffirmed his inten-tion of bringing up the issue's in his letter at the annual meet

Delson board which controls 44

per cent; and Glynwed; the engineering and steel stock-

holding group, with 7.6 per

A Glynwed spokesman said

last night that his company was definitely not bidding. At

32p the company is valued at £800,000. The recent full-year figures showed profits up from £102,000 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ £143,000

Earnings

Profits

were wanted with Siebens ex-

were wanted with Siebens expanding 45p to 755p, Imperial Continental Gas 31p to 756p and Axan Energy 30p to 330p. Lasmo made less progress than of late as the profit takers moved in but still managed a 9p rise to 509p which in turn helped Cawoods 16p to 192p as a result of its substantial stake in Lasmo.

The battle of the giants in the electrical sector, which was building up to a crescendo, provided a lively time. GEC improved 3p to 374p following its latest bid for Decca—up 23p in the ord at 573p and 22p in the "A" at 439p—which valued the group at f98m compared with Racal's bid earlier

As was to be expected, engineering stocks were taken aback by the steel talks break down bur still far from panicks.

ing Dealers reported very little selling, although Metal Box at 248p and Vickers at 136p were both 6p off as Tubes closed 4p down at 292p.

Shares of Ropner "A" tumbled 64p to 60p after news..... that it had sold one of its shipsu... Shares of Delson the nut and of bolts group were suspended at 32p awaiting an announcement from the board next week.

Some speculation suggested a bid from Glynwed, 1p down at 100p, but this was firmly decied. Armitage Shanks continue to gain ground in the hopes of a higher bid rising p to 101p, while suitor Blue Circle edged

ahead 2p to 306p. Further speculative buying..... lifted Muirhead 12p to 218p onthe hope that Tyco was about to make a bid while Bamber,.... Stores dipped 10p to 85p. Equity turnover on February, was £153.916m (18,751 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were Lasmo, Premier, Cons. Decca 'A', GEC.
Western Mining, ICI, BAT and

that this offer had been with-

signed by Reynolds but were not printed on the company's

Both circulars were ostensibly

Following inquiries by the

Stock Exchange, Reynolds pur out a denial, but the company does not shed any light on other speculation that the group

involved in take-over nego-

tiations.

Although Reynolds was initially registered in Nevada it is now based in Perth, Australia. Its shares are still traded over-

The company is currently exploring off-shore in Australia with American oil group Sunst dance. It is also involved in

negotiations with other Austra-

in relation to gold mining prose-

In view of the recent interest in the shares, Mr Briggs prom-

ised to keep the Stock Exchange ...

the-counter in New York.

pects in Kalgoorlie

drawn.

headed paper.

Textile losses slow Hirst & Mallinson

A slump in demand for tex-In the 53 weeks to November 3 last, the group made a pretax profit of £295,000 against in production from the steel £445,000 for the previous year. strike, Hirst increased its stocks Turnover rose from £15.6m to at the end of last year and this

Group chairman Mr Michael crompton admits that it was the textiles division which caused the problems. Overstocked retailers in the United Kingdom left demand at very low levels, while the strength of the pound, coupled to inflation, hit export sales. In the year this division plunged into the red and the group is now taking steps to reduce its exposure to further losses.

Part of the production process has been shut down but to 30p where they trade on six Mr Crompton reports that as times fully-taxed earnings and yet there is no sign of the yield 12.3 per cent gross.

division needs.

By contrast, the catering side

tiles and near doubled interest had a better year on the back charges lopped a third from of increased sales of catering full-year profits at Yorkshire-based group Hirst & Mallinson. group has expanded its ware-house space to cope with the increase in demand

In order to avoid any hiccurs has prevented the planned reduction in borrowings. At the end of last year interest charges rose from a previous £116,000 to £211,000 despite a £400,000 rights issue during the period. The pharmaceuticals side did not do as well as previously, with the price war biting into with the price war biting into margins. However, the chairman

reports that its profits have improved in the past four The dividend has been increased by a third to 2.6p gross. The shares yesterday fell 3p

Profits leap at Amax

By Michael Prest

Amax, the big United States natural resources group. Earn ings per share rose from \$2.76 to \$6.49. This trend is expected

The company expects to invest \$3,000m during 1980, bringing total capital expenditure over the last 10 years to more than \$5,000m. Earnings from operations before tax were \$480m compared with \$264m in 1978.

Most of the profit increase

GOVETT EUROPEAN TRUST

came from greater demand and A huge leap in net earnings from \$160b to \$365m (£159m) in 1979 has been recorded by nickel producers, the nickel division moved into profit after two years of losses. The only two areas to show lower profits were coal and iron

ore. Total sales increased to \$2,900m from \$1,700m. Amax has formally agreed the

terms of its bid for Rosario Re-sources, a United States, silver, ducer. Amax currently holds about 37 per cent of Rosario and is offering 1.37615 Amax shares for each Rosario share.

BARCLAYS NATIONAL BANK WILLOUGHBY'S Turnover of Willoughby Consolidated (subsidiary of Lourho) for year to September 30, 2768,000 (£755,000). Pre-tax profits, £248,000 (£513,000). No Johannesburg.—Pre-tax profit R96.9m in 15 months ended Dec-ember 31 last against R73.1m in year ended September 30, 1979, and R60.2m in previous year. Farnings per share 117.6 cents dividend (same).

Gross income for helf-year to December 31 up from £499,000 to £541,000. Pre-tax profits, £419,000 **IOSEPH WEBB** On January 31, 1980, Parkland Caravan Holidays, subsidiary of Joseph Webb & Co. acquired a caravan park known as Buttland Caravan Park, which is situated at Manorbler, Pembroke, Dyfed, for 2200 000 cach.

£200,000 cash. CAPITAL RESERVE FUND Net revenue for half-year to December 31, £21,000 (£16,000 for period January 11 to June 26, 1979). No dividend (1.0p) per participating share.

GREENBANK TRUST Pre-tax revenue for 1979, £57,000 (£49,000). Dividend, 6p

THOMAS FRENCH & SONS Mr T. J. French, chairman reports in his annual statement that he believes the company's growth can be maintained in the current year. WATSHAM'S

Turnover for half-year to Sep-rember 30 up from £1.25m to £1.87m and pre-hax profits from £291,000 to £341,000. lorerim divi-dend, 5.35p (4.92p) gross.

ROPNER HOLDINGS
Ropner Holdings expects to receive about £2m cash on transfer in ownership of M.V. Rudby. Written-down value of M.V. Rudby at March 31, 1979, was £2.18m.

WILLIAM LOW
William Low is buying Hotco
Ltd, together with shop properties
bought from C. Barras, Hotco's
main sharcholder. Total price is BENN BROS

Mr T. J. Benn, a director, has disposed of 36,000 ordinary shares in Benn Bros. B.A. & G. TRUST Pearl Assurance has bought 300,000 shares in British Ameri-can and General Trust, making

per cent). A. & I. TRUST Industrial Equity (Pacific) is the beneficial owner of 300,500 shares (5.01 per cent) in Australian and International

a holding of 4.03m shares (8.05

base metal, and oil and gas pro-

Earnings per share 117.6 cents (90.1 cents and 69.1). Final dividend, 24 cents (17 in 1978), making 50 cents (30 cents) for the period.—Reuter.

Americanil's chairman reports in his annual review that given satisfactory conditions, he expects an improvement in pre-tax profitability in the coming year. DEWHURST & PARTNER

Chairman reports that there are indications of a difficult immediate future in the UK, but the company is making good progress in Canada and expects to see there record turnover and profits in coming year.

Briefly

Terms agreed for disposal by Titaghur to Asiatic Co (US) of Boston, of 51 per cent of A. and S. Henry (Dundee) for £204,000

IBM DEUTSCHLAND IBM DEUTSCHLAND
Sturgart.—Turnover for IBM
Deutschland rose 4.4 per cent to
DM6,600m in 1979.
Order inflow was high during
the year and much of the rise in
turnover was made possible by
price rises for many products.—
A.P.—Dow Jones. TOYOTA

TOYOTA

Tokyo.—Toyota Motor favours holding down its vehicle shipments to the United States to help case cellicism of increased Japanese car sales there. The company believes this will be more effective in the short-term than building a car assembly plant in the US and might also raise retail prices for its vehicles in the US by an undisclosed margin starting in April. closed margin starting in April.-

LEVER'S US REORGANIZATION
Plans to develop a reorganization of Lever Brothers in the
United States into three separate operating units are announced. Lever's three major marketing divisions: Household Products, Personal Products and Foods, would be separate operating units of Lever, each headed by a presi-

PLASTIC CONSTRUCTIONS Turnover for year to September 30, 1979, £10.86m (£9.66m). Pre-tax profit, £414.000 (£452,000). Total dividend, 3.8p (3.46p) gross. Current year has started well.

Speculation Mystery circulars about bid baffle Reynolds as Delson another announcement reported

The Stock Exchange quotations department appears unable to trace the source of two

By Bryan Appleyard Shares in Delson & Co. the mystery circulars which have fuelled speculation in Reynolds Diversified Corporation. Birmingham nuts and bolts manufacturer and distributor, Although purporting to come were suspended yesterday "pending an announcement". from Reynolds—an Australian-based oil and gas concern whose Speculation in the market shares are traded in London under Rule 163(E)—the presisurrounding the suspension centred on Mr Richard Cashdent, Mr P. Briggs, yesterday more, the managing director of private steel stockholder Bar-point and holder of 5 per cent denied any knowledge of them. In a letter to the Stock Exof Delson's shares.

But Mr Cashmore is defi-

change Mr Briggs said: "We have no knowledge whatsoever of the content of these circulars nitely not a bidder. However, and they were certainly not authorized by any member of on Tuesday he did write to about 25 major shareholders the company in Delson complaining about the company's performance. The first of the notices suggested that a concern, thought to be Swiss-based, had been

His letter pointed out that the shares had underperformed the FT index since their flotagiven an option to purchase 25 million shares in Reynolds from. tion in 1966 and, in real terms, had declined in value by 75 per the directors at 4p—the shares are currently trading at 23p— and a further option on another cent. He pointed out that the asset backing was 80p per share. The suspension price was However, a few weeks later fully informed on developments

> **De La Rue's US venture** By Our Financial Staff

Bank note printer De La Rue is to set up a jointly-owned April. company in America to develop Cros systems. Through its wholly-owned subsidiary Crostield Electronics

Apart from Mr Cashmore the other major shareholders are the ITC Pension Trust; the De La Rue will be joining forces with Logerronics Inc of Spring-field, Virginia, to set up Logescan Systems Inc. ous £5:m Both Crosfield and Loge by 1981. tronics will hold 50 per cent of the shares in the new com-

pany which will have an initial tion of cash into the new com- rivals.

pany, which is expected to starting trading at the beginning of

Crosfield is the current following the development of a new computer controlled printing system called Lasergravure. Profits for the current year at Crosfield are expectedto touch £7.5m, against a previ-

De La Rue is confident that the Lasergravure, which gets a digital computer to take over.... capital of \$3m (£1.3m). the colour separation working.

Crosfield will satisfy its share previously done manually, is at of the capital by the introducleast two years ahead of its

ous £5m and could reach £10m;....

ARBUTHNOT GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Second Quarterly Dividend Declared For the added convenience of shareholders in meeting their regular financial commitments,

dividends are now paid quarterly. The Directors are pleased to declare a second quarterly dividend for the year ending 31st July 1980, of 3.1875p per share payable on the 15th April 1980 and thereafter will seek to pay a further two similar distribution

The Income shareholders receive gross dividends in cash and the Capital shareholders a scrip issue of equal value.

The fund is now valued at over £73 million.

Estimated Gross Dividend Yield (at the last offer price of 84.5p xd 3)

Particulars of Company

The Company was formed by Arbuthnot Securities (C.1.) Limited to provide management of British and Irish Government Securities. As the Company is resident outside the United Kingdom and Ireland, interest on the securities in the fund is received without deduction of tax. The Company is liable only to £300 Jersey Corporation Tax. Allen Harvey & Ross Investment Management Limited who have an excellent record in the management of Gilt-edged

The Share Capital is divided into Income and Capital shares which are of coural value and are issued and redeemed at

 Distributions are made on 15th January, 15th April, 15th July and 15th October. Capital shares may not be held by residents of the United Kingdom or Jersey.

The Income and Capital Shares are listed on The Stock Exchange, London.

 Valuation and dealing dates will normally be on Mondays unless any such Monday is not a business day, in which case For copies of the Company's prospectus (on the terms of which alone application for shares will be consiplease send the coupon to: Arbuthnot Securities (C.1.) Limited, PO Box 284, Rutland House, Pitt Street, St. Heller, Jersey, Channel Islands. Tel: Jersey (0534) 76077.

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AEG uses capital plan to cover 1979 loss

Frankfurt.—AEG-Telefunken has spent most of the DM930m (about £332m) generated by its capital reorganization and the rest will be used this year, the finance director. Herr Horst Brandt said.

The banks involved paid the DM930m into AEG accounts two days after an extraordinary shareholders' meeting on January 15 agreed a consolidation plan involving capital reorganization.

plan involving capital reorganization.

Herr Brandt said the largest portion of the DM930m would be used to cover the 1979 operating loss of DM430m.

West German Company Law allows AEG to use its 1980 capital reorganization to eliminate losses on the 1979 balance sheet, while under tax law the company will be able to use its total 1979 balance sheet loss of about DM1,230m for tax purposes for the next five years. Herr Brandt said he will use the tax savings gained to build up tax savings gained to build up declared reserves.—Reuter.

Burmeister and Wain Copenhagen.—The controver-sial Danish business tycoon Mr Jan Bonde Nielsen izzs rejected the advice of the board of the Burmeister and Wain shipbuilding and diesel engineering com-pany to sell his shares and disengage from the group.
Instead, he will fight back by

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rhares holding to dismiss the board and personally take charge again.

Ten days ago the board asked chairman Nielsen to sell his shares in the group and called in police to investigate certain economic dispositions in the

crisis-ridden concern.
The quarrel between Mr Nielsen and the board came when B et W was finalizing a partnership deal with West Germanys giant Machienenfa-brik Augsburg-Nuernburg in a new diesel engine company made un of several existing B et W divisions. The deal with Man which has so far injected about 200m kroner into the group helped B et W overcome a liquidity crisis last year,

Dow records

Sales of 59,260m (£4.026m) for 1979, an increase of 34 per cent over 1978, are reported by Dow Chemical.

Earnings increased by 37 per cent to \$4.33 a share, while net income totalled \$784m—up

from \$575m.

In the fourth quarter, sales were \$2,450m and earnings \$1.08 a share, or \$194m. This compares with 1978's fourth-quarter sales of \$1,820m and net income of 76 cents a share, or \$138m.

Options

Yesterday's buoyant conditions in the oil market spilled over into traded options yesterday as investors took up positions in BP.

Contracts in BP amounted to 177 out of a total number of 719 just slightly down on Thursday's figures of 839. Yesterday also saw the introduction of the July and October 400p series in this stock although dealers reported little early interest. Most attention was fixed on the April 400p which attracted 96 contracts.

Dealers reported quieter con ditions than of late in tradi-tion options where mines and uil shares held most sway.

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Wall Street

New York, Feb 8.—Stocks advanced in heavy trading this morning as oil and gas and rail issues with oil and gas operations continued to gain on speculation about a major gas find.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose three-and-one-half points and advances paced declines sixto-five.

Among the carly gainers, Gulf Oil rose one to 44) and Union Pacific 1 to 921. Dow Chemical and Indiana Standard had yet to trade. All four companies have a stake in the Kewanee Federal No 1 well in Wyoming, the subject of recent market speculation about a gas find.

February 7: The Dow Jones industrial average closed 3.66 points up at 885.39.

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The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 152.74. The futures index was 438.72. The Dow Jones averages,—Industrials, i. 521c. MAIZE.—March. 2751. May. 288'.-'.c': July. 297'.-'.c. 303'.c. Dec. 512'-'.c': March. -'.c. OATS.—March. 139'.c': May. c. July. 165'.c': Sept. 172c: Dec.

Sales, 3.350 tons. Morning, E513-15: three months, £493-tlement £515. Sales, 3.550

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Commodities

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The discount houses took help on a moderate scale yesterday when credit proved in rather shorter supply than had been expected. The Bank of England provided this assistance by directly buying from the houses small quantities both of Treasury hills and eligible bank bills. The hank bills were taken under agreehank bills were taken under agree-135.91c. 22-day average. [45,50c 118] conts per lb1.

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*Accounts prepared under provision of SSAP15

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Foreign exchange report

Sterlin gtook a slightly easier line in quiet and and thin endweek currency trading yesterday. The surprise announcement of the breakdown of steel talks, sent the rate plunging from ahout 2,3030 to as low as 2.2925, but, by the close, sterling had rallied to within 15 points of the overnight position at 2.2985 to the dollar.

The effective exchange rate index ended 0.1 down at 72.8.

The dollar gained ground on continuing hopes for the release of the United States hostages in Iran. German marks were finally down only from 1.7385 to 1.7390, while Swiss francs softened from 1.6175 to 1.62075, and French from 240.00 to 241.60.

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beds are excessively boring.
Who would thank you these
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anyone living in anything less

this is not at all the case. Four posters can be as light and elegant as you care to make them, and to prove the point You have only to take a trip to The Bedchamber at 3 Cadogan

" It is all a question of getting

we also had to find exactly the

right woods that wouldn't warp or split when the frames were

than a stately home.

Street, London SW3.

bolted together."

designed in perfect proportion for around £700. And if you already have a mattress which you find particularly comfort-In view of the large amount of space and time they occupy, not to mention the frequency with which they crop up in literature, music hall and conversional facing modern able, you can even have a bed built round that.

The beds are made by crafts-men in Northumberland and men in Northumberland and sent to The Bedchamber in long strips. Hugh Blackett then delivers and puts them up himself—an expert task which can take up to five hours. He will take orders for anywhere in the country, although outside the London area an extra But when beds actually looked as though they were treasure chests of half-remembered dreams, all sorts of weird superstitions surrounded them. delivery charge has to be made.

superstitions surrounded them. In the sixteenth century Henry VII had his bed sprinkled every night with holy water to ward off evil spirits, though goodness knows what the damp did to his ioints, and even today men heading for West Africa should be careful if they travel with their mother or sister, not to sit on these good ladies' bads. Apparently, members of the Mende in Sierra Leone still regard it as the equivalent of in-Whichever variation you choose, you will get expert help from interior designer Liz Williams, who will advise on the hangings that will best comple-ment your bed.

Average hangings take about 30 to 40 metres — they don't close all round the bed as they did when they were needed as draught excluders—but special beds with sunburst ceitings, like the one in the picture, can take as much as 80 metres.

ceal were usually oak and of the ponderous proportions of a double decker bus, so the idea of having a four poster bed today would seem impossible for be surprised, as I was, to find that the single beds in par-ricular are quite delicate and would not be overpowering even in a small room. While there, you won't be able to resist the selection of antique I discovered this week that his is not at all the case. Four costers can be as light and elegant as you care to make them, and to prove the point of the case. Four made by Durham miners' wives, to £350 for a modern American

Which reminds me of a peculiar aspect of the American fondness for everything kingthe proportions right", says Hugh Blackert, who opened the shop 18 months ago. "We ex-perimented for a long time hefore we perfected them and sized. All the hotel bedrooms I occupied when I was there had at least two beds, each big enough to hold four people, and one had three. A throw back to the Great Bed of Ware-or just an expression of the natural American desire to be friendly?

hich have dominated the sc

with the agate technique, which reverses the usual procedure of

shape before decoration and instead starts with the pattern. She mixes her clay into

batches of different colours

and then presses one on top of the other to form the sort of

strata you would find in a cross

section of agate.

The pattern sections are formed from the chopped up, coloured "dough" and laid out flat, while the spaces between are filled in with plain clay. The whole is then laid in a mould to take on its find the characteristicals.

shape particularly successful in the deeper dishes which show

the pattern going right through inside out, Bowls cost from £16 to £30 and there are small cylindrical boxes from £8-£10.

The exhibition continues until

Two-in-one whisk and carving

knife by Steibel/Eltron, C12.95

pare with the free standing

types if you do a lot of heavy

for blending lumpy sauces.

The usual price is £13.95, but until the end of February will

be £12.95 — much less than if you bought a electric carver and

mixer separately. — and it is exclusive to branches of

Rumbelows.

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section of agate.

February 16.

Below: Four poster bed specially designed round the original, entique posts, has a sunburst ceiling and hand-painted bedcover \$3,000 from The Bedchamber, 3 Oadogan Street, London SW3



aOne of the more paradoxical of the inflated cost of ravel is that while suide books in general are having a hard in general are taving a hard time, expensive guide books are booming. It seems that when it becomes prohibitive to "do" Europe in 14 days, tourists tend to stay in one place—and that is when they want the best guide to help

them study it in depth. That is the reason given to ne last week by Timuthy Benn, chairman and managing director of Ernest Benn, for the increased sales of their blue chip Blue Guides.

Blue Guides are enormously thorough and have in the past been inclined to leave the reader with the wish that they had after all, left one or two stones unturned. "Now we proceed 50 yards down the planza where we perceive a portal" can make one's journey ever so slightly laborious.

"Five or six years ago they were a bit stodgy", admits Mr Bean, "but we are now trying to build in the sense of enjoyment that our researchers have had in going round the various places. As people's interests broaden we try to keep up and as well as art, architecture and archaeology, we now include conservation, flora and fauna, if we pretend red tape isn't there it will go away, will take industrial archaeology and crafts, so that readers can feel

they know a little bit more about a place than other people know.

Certainly it is the curious and the anecdotal that I found most entertaining in the 9th edition of the paperback Blue Guide England (£6.95) which was published last week. All the scholar-ship is still there, perhaps with a slight overdose, still, of the editorial we, but I was fascin-ated to know that the Ypres Tower is locally pronounced by the inhabitants of Rye as "Wipers" and that Medmenham Abbey, a mile beyond Marlow, was the scene of blasphemous orgies held by the Hell Fire Club in the eighteenth century. The country is divided into five parts, south-eastern, south-western, central, eastern, and western, central, eastern and northern England, each in a logical sequence so that the traveller can follow routes which will provide the richest variety of interest, and I admit that I was totally captivated by editor Stuart Rossiter's uncompromising attitude to administrative boundaries. "As far as possible, where the bureaucratic nonsense is a hindrance rather than a help, it has been ignored," he says in his preface. Those of us who have been living for years in the hope that

An electric carving knife have done. But the Steibel/ seems to me to be an unneces. Eltron is an exception. sary extravagance even if it The blades and the whisks does prevent your Sunday joint are easy to slot in and have a from looking as if it has been safety catch to make sure they in the rumble drier. But when don't slot out again while op-it can be converted into a hand evating. The catch also prevents

dual-purpose gadgets as they ren around. usually do neither job as well

The blades and the

mixer, it begins to make econo-mic sense.

I am not often attracted to guard if there are small child-

As a hand-beater it is fairly separate tools would lightweight - it does not com-



If you are prepared to pay a one else on the ski slopes now and the beach later, take note of the latest status symbol sports sunspecs with a couture name tag. making sunspecs, but Nina Ricci

say that theirs are different because their optical quality
gradient CR39 lens is also available as a mirror lens, which
they think is ideal for combating bright hight bouncing off
srow or shimmering seas.

The translucent frames are
hand painted with vertical bands hand painted with vertical bands of red, white and blue or with white and one other colour. I'll just whisper the price—£57.50—but then Nina Ricci do pride themselves on being the designers of the most exclusive and expensive sunspecs. You can find their range at Harrods, Selfridges, Dickins & Jones in London or Kenval Milne, Man-chester Rackbams, Birmingham and major department stores

Saturday morning in the Portubello Road is just as busy and bizarre as ever, although tourists go now for fun rather than with any hope of picking up an undiscovered masterpiece. The more interesting
development is taking place in
the roads leading off Portobello,
where smart little fashion shops
are burgeoning through the mixing — but it is excellent for whisking a single egg white, for creaming butter and sugar or bric-a-beac.

first shop five years ago at No 7 and filled it with the practical kitchen basics on which it still thrives. There are all sorts of pots and pans and gadgets. French cutlery, seconds china, huge colico pinnies and a basementful of basketware and

Cane.

In addition, they provide a particularly useful hire service of items that the average cook would use too infrequently to Among them, Antonia want to have cluttering up the shop with baskets of shells and Graham and Henrietta Greev in kitchen. A fish kertle, for indicated flowers and piles of Elgin Crescent, are building a stance, would cost around cushions like a comfortable mini-empire. They opened their f26.13 to buy and for the jungle with brightly coloured

number of times one cooks a whole fish, a hire charge of 75p for three days is a much better burgain. You can also hire cake tins in the shape of numbers for children's birthdays for 50p

for three days.
All this was a little too practical to give rein to Henrietta's decorative flair so they decided to open Graham and Green Across the Road at number 4, a lavishly clustered in fabrics that are light enough to feel good in the water and classic enough to hold in the undisciplined curve without actually restricting circulation.
As you can't tell from looking at swimsuits on model-shaped

girls what they might look like on girlshaped girls, we had a grand modelling session in this office, much to the surprise of any passing pigeous.

The shapes that did most for afl our figure types—small, medium and bigger than last year—were the two we have photographed. The Tesco one with its elegant one-shouldered look comes in black, blue or brown, ell with white, in sizes 12, 14 and 16. It is made of 86

It is not only the Barbadosbound who look for swimwear in February. Those who have found, from bitter experience, that leaving the search until June simply means paying more for less are wise enough to snap up the bargains as soon

And bargains there are this year. The chain stores are doing

per cent nylon, 14 per cent Elastane and costs £6.50 from larger Tesco Home and Wear stores from mid-February. The bandeau-top style is

from the Arena range, which also has several good plain styles with deep cut backs. It is in 81 per cent polyester, 19 per cent lycra and is very flartering for curvaceous figures. Best in black, but also available in several colours, in sizes 32, 34, 36, and 38 inch at £12.99 from Barkers, Kensington High Street and Army and Navy branches in London, Guildford, Camberley and Chichester.



My picture last week of the Below: Cotton holder for crusty rolls or fresh fruit; packs flat and unturis when the centre ribbons are pulled together. In cream, brown

or navy cotton. with floral edging, £3.95 from The Helpful Shop, 84 Southampton Row, WC1 and

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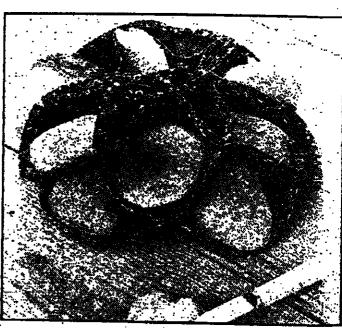
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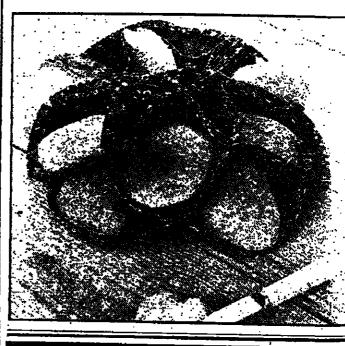
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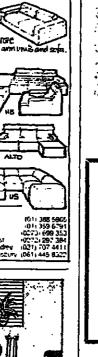
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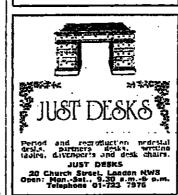
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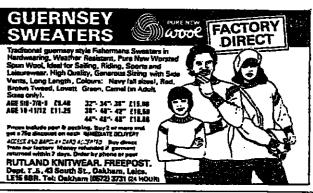
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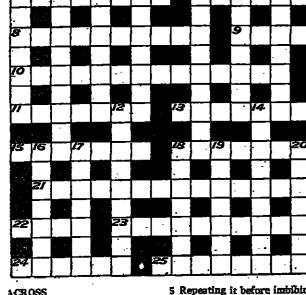
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9 Q dear I (4). 10 Mate has to be first with rum to cure a sailor (4, 2, 3, 5).

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You have to belong (7).

21 How a rook moves Smiff brightly - coloured flowers (7).

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ing-tree (10).

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I Jack's over 9, anyhow, that's clear (7).

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